

Debate Scorecard



Whether you're observing classmates in mock debates and school elections or sizing up political candidates as they debate the issues with one another, this worksheet can help you keep score. Are they polished and prepared? Are their statements accurate and on point? Are their arguments persuasive?

During a portion of the debate, close your eyes and listen to each speaker. Assess the speaker based on what you hear only. Would your scores change? In a well-organized paragraph, explain how appearance and body language can impact our assessments of people and their opinions in everyday life. Include specific examples to support your ideas. Hand in your written or typed response with a completed scorecard for each speaker.

Name:

Date:

Name of Speaker:

Topic:

4 – Superior

3 – Proficient

2 – Needs Improvement

1 – Poor

	4 – Superior	3 – Proficient	2 – Needs Improvement	1 – Poor	
delivery	Communicated clearly and confidently; maintained eye contact; excellent tone of voice, inflection and pace	Communicated clearly; frequent eye contact; good tone of voice and pace	Seldom communicated clearly; occasional eye contact; tone of voice and pace were inconsistent	Failed to communicate clearly; no eye contact; monotone delivery	<input type="text"/>
organization	Well-prepared with a consistently clear and orderly presentation of viewpoints	Somewhat prepared with a mostly clear and orderly presentation of viewpoints	Little preparation with few moments of clarity or organization	Unprepared with unclear and/or disorganized presentation	<input type="text"/>
information	Consistently used accurate and relevant facts/statistics to support arguments.	Adequately used facts/statistics to support arguments	Used few accurate facts/statistics to support arguments	Did not present any facts/statistics to support arguments	<input type="text"/>
persuasiveness	All arguments were logical and convincing	Most arguments were logical and convincing	Some arguments were logical and convincing	Few arguments were logical or convincing	<input type="text"/>
rebuttal	Counter-arguments were always effective	Counter-arguments were sometimes effective	Few effective counter-arguments presented	No effective counter-arguments presented	<input type="text"/>
respect	Statements, responses and body language always showed respect for opponents and moderator	Statements, responses and body language adequately showed respect for opponents and moderator	Statements, responses and body language were sometimes inappropriate or disrespectful	Statements, responses and body language were consistently inappropriate or disrespectful	<input type="text"/>

Total Score:

24