

Fill in the blank Pro/Con speeches for you

****YOU WILL ACTUALLY SAY THE ITALICIZED WORDS!**

According to _____, “ _____.”
SOURCE QUOTE or STATISTIC or COMPELLING WISDOM for intro

Because I agree with this (idea, sentiment, expressive wisdom, etc.), I seek (support, negation of today's resolution:

RESOLVED: that _____

For the purposes of today's debate, I offer the following definitions from

(Source: book, author, author qualifications, year published, page number etc.)

Definition 1. _____

Definition 2. _____

Definition 3. _____

Etc. (Define as many words in the resolution that are necessary. Be sure to stay within the “Spectrum of Reasonability”)

To better understand today's topic let us consider _____
(tag line for following example)

(Example from news to show timeliness, support analysis, and show knowledge.)

Therefore, _____ *is* _____.
(Resolution topic) qualifier (good/bad, right/wrong, moral/immoral)
for _____ *of reasons.*
(number)

First _____
(Simple “slug” - simple sentence that is your first reason to support or negate the resolution.)

BLUE BOX ARGUMENT FULLY DEVELOPED

Second (or next or another transition) _____

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Finally _____

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So, because (restate labels of arguments), I ask you to (agree/disagree) with today's resolution and concur that

THIS IS A BLUE BOX

Each contention or reason “gets” a **BLUE BOX**.

A. **LABEL** - “tag” or “slug” your contentions/arguments: Use brief phrases, short sentences in the Noun-Verb or Noun-Verb-Noun patterns.

(Ex. “Restrictions in on civil liberties create second-class citizens.”
“Freedom of expression is not absolute.”)

Ask yourself, “What does this label mean?” -----

B. **STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

(Answer with “What this means is...” or “In other words...”)

Ask yourself, “Why?” -----

C. **GIVE THE LOGIC AND THEORY BEHIND THE ARGUMENT.**

(Answer with, “Logically, when we...”)

D. **EVIDENCE** (1-2 pieces)

Use evidence with the sources that RECONFIRM LOGIC.
(if the evidence “says it all,” then you probably skipped “C”.)

E. **EXPLAIN THE EVIDENCE**

(“What Dr. Cantu is really pointing out exposes...” or
“Using the AMA findings, the quality of life determines...”)

F. ****OPTIONAL** ILLUSTRATE** ... clarify, NOT justify!

G. **SUM UP ARGUMENT** (“Because...”)

H. **TIE CONTENTION INTO THE RESOLUTION.**

(This must show that your argument fits into the realm of the debate.)