

# CUMULATIVE DEBATE: GLOBAL HISTORY 3300 BCE-1750 CE MONDAY (JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>) & TUESDAY (JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>)

## DEBATE STRUCTURE

- Moderator introduces the debate
- Construction (present your argument)
  - Affirmative One- 1:30
  - Negative One- 1:30
  - Affirmative Two- 1:30
  - Negative Two- 1:30
- Rebuttal (Refuting your opponent)
  - Affirmative One- 0:45
  - Negative One- 0:45
  - Affirmative Two- 0:45
  - Negative Two- 0:45
- Moderator concludes debate

## DEBATE GROUPS

1. Is absolute rule the best form of government?
  - a. Affirmative: Kate Sebastian, Michael Hatfield
  - b. Negative: Victor Wong, Angela Acosta
  - c. Moderator: Grace Chen

**Suggested Topics:** Louis XIV (France), Peter and Catherine the Great (Russia), the Stuart Kings, the English Civil War, and the English Bill of Rights (England), Habsburgs and the Thirty Years War (Holy Roman Empire), Akbar the Great (Mughal India), Suleiman the Magnificent (Ottoman Empire), Shi Huangdi (Qin China), the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire (Rome), Athenian Democracy (Greece), Achaemenid Persia (Persia), Enlightenment Thinkers and Enlightened Monarchs (Europe), Bureaucracy, the advice of Machiavelli in *The Prince*.

2. Are religious motivations a more powerful and influential force than secular (political/economic) motivations?
  - a. Affirmative: Kahakasha Attar, Ardit Hoxhaj
  - b. Negative: Destiny Williams, Pamela Adriazola
  - c. Moderator: Jose Trujeque

**Suggested Topics:** Pyramids and Pharaohs in Ancient Egypt, Early Christianity in the Roman Empire, Spread of Islam, Medieval Knights, the Medieval Church, the Crusades, Mansa Musa of Mali, the Protestant Reformation, Italian/Ottoman Trade, Spanish conquistadors, Catholic Monks, Buddhist Monks, Hindu Ascetics, Viking Invasions, Mongol Conquests, Ottoman Conquests, Catholic Counter-Reformation and Inquisition, Columbus, European Colonization, Thirty Years War, the Enlightenment.

3. Has conquest led to more cultural diffusion than trade?
  - a. Affirmative: Chloe Walsh, America Villanueva
  - b. Negative: Jhonathan Rosario, Mariya Tepluk
  - c. Moderator: Jay Cheung

**Suggested Topics:** Cuneiform, Nile River Valley, Assyrians and Iron Technology, Aryan India, Alexander the Great and Hellenism, Spread of Buddhism, Romans, Expansion and Spread of Islam (works for both), Indian Ocean Trade Network (East Africa, Southeast Asia, etc), Crusades, Trans-Saharan Trade, Mansa Musa, Mongols, Silk Road, Black Death, Ottomans, Renaissance, Inca, Spanish, Columbian Exchange, Slavery, Triangular Trade, Mercantilism.

4. Has the invention of printing led to more change in the world than the invention of gunpowder?
  - a. Affirmative: Adriana Cortes, Sara Vrbic
  - b. Negative: Joseph Topci, William Huang
  - c. Moderator: Samuel Djoannaery

**Suggested Topics:** Renaissance, Protestant Reformation, Scientific Revolution, Paper Money, Bank Checks, Gunpowder Empires (Ottomans, Safavids, Mughals), Hundred Years War, European conquest in the New World (Aztec, Inca) and Old World (Africa, India, Southeast Asia), Imperialism, Slavery, Spanish Armada and Naval Warfare, the Enlightenment, the American Revolution.

## HOMework FOR NEXT THURSDAY

Begin your debate research this weekend, going through all the class materials I have provided to you that relate to your topic, as well as searching for additional information online. **By Tuesday**, you are REQUIRED to have at least one printed source of outside research with you, as well as any class materials, so they can be used to research as a group. **By Wednesday**, you MUST have at least three talking point arguments that you will use for the debate, supported thoroughly with evidence, and with FULLY cited sources.

Begin your debate research this week, going through all the class materials I have provided to you that relate to your topic, as well as searching for additional information online. You must have some printed research with you on Thursday, as well as any class materials, so they can be used to research as a group. Since this debate is cumulative, including material from the whole year, I STRONGLY STRONGLY SUGGEST GOING TO MY WEBSITE TO FIND SOURCES! It will save you time and give you great information! Use the space below to start preparing potential arguments as you research.