

DEBATE UNIT 8 & 9: AMERICAS EXPLORATION ABSOLUTISM ENLIGHTENMENT

MONDAY (JUNE 5TH) & TUESDAY (JUNE 6TH) & WEDNESDAY (JUNE 7TH)

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. Were the Native Americans more advanced than the Europeans?
 - a. Affirmative: Shauna Darcy, Emily Sanchez
 - b. Negative: Olivia Rega, Jacobo Pulido
 - c. Moderator: Emanuel Simancas, Alex Portugal

Suggested Topics: The Meaning of Advancement (start by considering this from as many angles as possible!), North American Peoples, Aztecs, Maya, Ball Game, Inca, Guns, Germs, Steel, Renaissance, Pizarro, Cortes, Draft Animals, Printing Press, Thirty Years War, Scientific Revolution, so many possible examples!

2. Should we celebrate the discovery of America by Columbus?
 - a. Affirmative: David Ciborowski, Avner Yashayev
 - b. Negative: Cassandra Cordero, Jordan Gusikoff
 - c. Moderator: Khadija Kazmi, Alexander Hili

Suggested Topics: Columbian Exchange, Draft Animals, New Foods, Slavery, Disease, Imperialism, Da Gama, Racism, Genocide, Manifest Destiny, Inflation, Mercantilism, Origins of Columbus Day, Leif Erikson, Pizza, Ice Cream, and you are strongly encouraged to look at how all these things have impacted the world in which we live today, as long as you show the links!

3. Do Africans deserve blame for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade?
 - a. Affirmative: Amber Torres, Farzin Shifat
 - b. Negative: Zhan Hong Li, Lina Jaramillo
 - c. Moderator: Amanda Truskolaska, Lori Agriogianis

Suggested Topics: Forms of Slavery, Slavery in Africa, Chattel, Patron-Client System, Wealth in People, Dahomey, Kongo, Asante, Olaudah Equiano, slave experiences, King Afonso, there is a lot that you can do with the topic, but do not neglect the sources I already gave you!

4. Is absolute rule the best form of government?
 - a. Affirmative: Erika Melgar, Miles Savage, Kisbel Gonzales
 - b. Negative: Kylie Lam, Denis Lipowczan, Hiram Aviles III
 - c. Moderator: Christopher Singhani, Daequan Richards

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, American Revolution (USA), feel free to connect to today, just show how it connects!

5. Has the invention of printing led to more change in the world than the invention of gunpowder?
 - a. Affirmative: Mara Musat, Donato Campanella, Joanna Maciag
 - b. Negative: Max Egner, Jyan Derryck Wong, Adam Sabri
 - c. Moderator: Gordon Qian, Christian Valdes

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 Thirty Years War, the Seven Years War, the Enlightenment, the American Revolution, basically anything important that involves killing or knowledge during this period!

HOMWORK 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 Wednesday**, 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 Thursday**, you MUST have at least three potential 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.