

DEBATE UNIT 8 & 9: AMERICAS EXPLORATION ABSOLUTISM ENLIGHTENMENT

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

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. Should we celebrate the discovery of America by Columbus?
 - a. Affirmative: Matthew Wawrzak, Nicholas Mochalski
 - b. Negative: Penelope Ortiz, Natalie Prevost
 - c. Moderator: Kevin Lin

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!

2. Do Africans deserve blame for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade?
 - a. Affirmative: Axel Dominguez, Pearl Zhang
 - b. Negative: Alexa White, Jessica Plaza
 - c. Moderator: Alyssa White

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!

3. Is absolute rule the best form of government?
 - a. Affirmative: Peter Lolis, Patrick Starmach
 - b. Negative: Juana Marron, Klaudia Zarow
 - c. Moderator: Patryk Nierwinski

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!

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 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.