

## DEBATE MP 4: THE EARLY MODERN ERA

THURSDAY (MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>) & FRIDAY (JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>) & MONDAY (JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>)

### DEBATE STRUCTURE

- Moderator introduces the debate
- Construction (present your argument)
  - Affirmative One- 1-2 min
  - Negative One- 1-2 min
  - Affirmative Two- 1-2 min
  - Negative Two- 1-2 min
- Rebuttal (Refuting your opponent)
  - Affirmative One- 30 sec-1 min
  - Negative One- 30 sec-1 min
  - Affirmative Two- 30 sec-1 min
  - Negative Two- 30 sec-1 min
- Moderator concludes debate

### DEBATE GROUPS

1. Were the Native Americans more advanced than the Europeans?
  - a. Affirmative: Keily Luna, Jaylene Miranda
  - b. Negative: Anita Zhang, Frank Chen
  - c. Moderator: Wengshez Cheong, Noah Rodriguez

**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: Aaron Li, Alan Joshua Guerrero
  - b. Negative: Kiara Caicedo, Julian Seda
  - c. Moderator: Robbie Kyle Gatpatan

**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: Asha Younas, Jacob Li
  - b. Negative: Xin Lin, Diana Ivovic
  - c. Moderator: Prootha Patel, Yu Xin Li

**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: Elaine Rivera, Damian Nierwinski
  - b. Negative: Hana Chen, Francesco Petta Muller
  - c. Moderator: Felicia Hidajat

**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: Ariana Hasanovic, Wedad Mourtada
  - b. Negative: Sabina Wasilewski, Sergio Morales
  - c. Moderator: Erin Flores, Gabriella Clemente

**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!

## HOMEWORK FOR NEXT CLASS

1. Bring in any class material I have given you, such as classwork or homework, that can be used to help you in this debate. You will, of course, have access to the textbook in class. I will also be returning work that has been handed in and not yet returned.
2. Find **AT LEAST ONE outside source**, other than the textbook or class materials, that you can use to help you prepare for this debate. You should research online, either through suggested websites on [mrcaseyhistory.com/debate](http://mrcaseyhistory.com/debate) , or through Google search. You are encouraged to use the Suggested Topics as inspiration in your You are **REQUIRED** to print the relevant portions of your outside source to bring to class to use in preparation. If do not have the ability to print from home, you can print from my classroom by printing from your sent mail or from a flash drive.