

# What are your arguments?

When you are planning arguments for a debate it is helpful to think of arguments from both sides of the topic.

My given topic is: \_\_\_\_\_

What is my **resolution** (opinion) on the topic?

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- Remember: This should not be a statement of fact and should be what you use to form your arguments.

*Brainstorming:*

Brainstorm at least 3 arguments FOR and AGAINST your given topic. Arguments tell **what we believe** about the topic. They should defend our *opinion*.

Arguments FOR (Affirmative)	Arguments AGAINST (Negative)
Argument #1:	Argument #1:
Argument #2:	Argument #2:
Argument #3:	Argument #3:

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*Planning:*

Now take each argument from PART 1 and use the resource material from class to plan your reasons and support. Reasons tell **why we believe** our arguments. They should explain or defend our arguments.

Arguments and Reasons FOR (Affirmative)	Supporting Evidence (Examples, Quotes, Statistics, Facts, Etc.)
Argument #1:  Reason:	Support:
Argument #2:  Reason:	Support:
Argument #3:  Reason:	Support:

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Arguments and Reasons AGAINST (Negative)	Supporting Evidence (Examples, Quotes, Statistics, Facts, Etc.)
Argument #1:  Reason:	Support:
Argument #2:  Reason:	Support:
Argument #3:  Reason:	Support: