

## Analyzing a Debate

**debate** = an argument with rules

**moderator** = person who makes sure debaters follow the rules

Watch these examples from a presidential debate.



**analyze** = break something into parts to understand it better

What job are these two candidates applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the Republican candidate (male)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Democrat candidate (female)? \_\_\_\_\_

The first issue (problem) they debated was the economy.

Trump said: \_\_\_\_\_

Harris said: \_\_\_\_\_

The second issue they debated was abortion.

Trump said: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE- A moderator corrected him: 9th month abortion and "execution" of babies is not legal anywhere in the U.S. Harris does not support either!

Harris said: \_\_\_\_\_

The third issue they debated was immigration.

Trump said: \_\_\_\_\_

A moderator said: \_\_\_\_\_

Harris laughed at Trump and said he was, " \_\_\_\_\_."

The fourth issue they debated was the 2020 election.

Trump said: \_\_\_\_\_

Harris said: \_\_\_\_\_

The fifth issue they debated was Trump's false claim that he really won the 2020 election.

Trump said: \_\_\_\_\_

Harris said: \_\_\_\_\_

Harris says that Trump will be dangerously out of control if he is President.

Trump replies that because Harris is using words as "weapons" and that is the reason someone tried to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

To end the debate, Harris says that this is the difference between her ideas and Trump's ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

Trump does not talk about ideas, but says \_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, which candidate won the debate? \_\_\_\_\_

Give 2 reasons for your answer: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

Write a paragraph telling which candidate you would vote for. The **topic sentence** should tell your choice. You should then write 3 sentences explaining why you chose that person.

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Read this cartoon. Who does the cartoonist believe won the debate? \_\_\_\_\_

After the debate, who did Trump say won? \_\_\_\_\_

Most presidential candidates debate two, three, or four times before an election. Harris wanted to debate again, but Trump refused. Why do you think he refused? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think it is important for candidates to debate? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Tell one question you would have asked Trump. \_\_\_\_\_

Tell one question you would have asked Harris. \_\_\_\_\_

