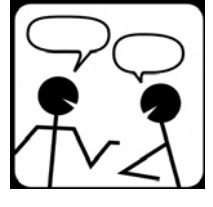




## DEBATE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AND TEACHING IDEAS



- 1) Hearing and listening are two different things, ask students why it's critically important to both listen and hear during a debate.
- 2) Think of a controversial issue that is going on at home or school right now and write as much as you know from both sides of the controversy.
- 3) Brainstorm the skills necessary to have a strong debate.
- 4) Why is it important to research both sides of a debate topic?
- 5) Why is it important to have proof when debating a topic?
- 6) Why is it important to have both opinions and facts during a debate?
- 7) What is the difference between a debate and an argument?
- 8) What are the benefits of debating?
- 9) How can you prepare for a debate?
- 10) Look at the debate topic list, prepare 6 points for each side (*for and against*).
- 11) What is an effective rebuttal?
- 12) Why are persuasive skills necessary in a debate?
- 13) How can you research and prepare for a debate?
- 14) What are the skills required to debate?
- 15) How can you improve debating skills?
- 16) What presentation skills are necessary for effective debating?
- 17) Research famous debates.
- 18) Look through the media and find controversial issues that would make good debate topics and list 10.
- 19) What is the importance of presidential debates?