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The Debate

Vocabulary	Problem Solving	Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backchannel device • Links for web tools • Class Kindle, Scribd, other pub account • GAFE student accounts • Reference materials • Two long tables • Microphone • Video equipment to tape debates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Argument</i> • <i>Bias</i> • <i>Conjecture</i> • <i>Debate</i> • <i>Evidence</i> • <i>Opinion</i> • <i>Perspective</i> • <i>Persuasive writing</i> • <i>Point of view</i> • <i>Rebuttal</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I can't find anything on my topic (work with your team)</i> • <i>I can't speak in front of people (this is a good time to practice)</i> • <i>Why can't I use my opinion (you can if it's based on fact and evidence)</i> • <i>I don't like trying to talk people into my opinion (share evidence)</i> • <i>I can't counter one of the arguments (chat with teammates)</i> 	
<u>Time Required</u> 180 minutes	<u>NETS-S Standards</u> 2a-b, 3a, 4c	

Essential Question

How do I logically evaluate evidence to support my point of view?

Overview

Summary

Working in groups, students research opposite sides of an issue, then debate it in front of class. They tie arguments to class reading, general knowledge as well as evidence from research. They take questions.

Listeners must ask evidence-based questions, look for information that will convince them which side is right.

This is an exercise as much for presenters as audience, and is graded on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

Big Idea

Perspective taking is critical to understanding issues.

Teacher Prep

- Have links on class internet start page (or where you collect links).
- Consider co-teaching with subject-specific teacher.
- Something happen you weren't prepared for? No worries. Common Core is about critical thinking and problem solving. Show students how you fix the emergency without a meltdown.

Steps

Required skill level: Understand online research; passion for thinking.

- Before beginning, put backchannel device onto Smartscreen ([Today's Meet](#), [Socrative](#), [Padlet](#), class Twitter account, GAFE form) to track student comments throughout class. Show students how to access it on their devices if necessary.
- Debating in middle school makes research, listening, presenting, and learning fun. Interestingly enough, Common Core wants 35% of writing by grade 8 to be persuasive. The college and career-ready student will, among other things:

... without significant scaffolding, comprehend and evaluate complex texts across a range of types and disciplines, and they can construct effective arguments and convey intricate or multifaceted information.

- Throughout the Common Core standards, you'll see words that connote persuasive writing: *interpret*, *argument*, *analyze*:. college and career-ready students are expected to **make and justify their point through argumentation**.
- Debates help students grasp critical thinking and presentation skills, including:

- *abstract thinking*
- *analytical thinking*
- *citizenship/ethics/etiquette*
- *clarity*
- *critical thinking*
- *distinguishing fact from opinion*
- *establishing/defending point of view*

Common Core

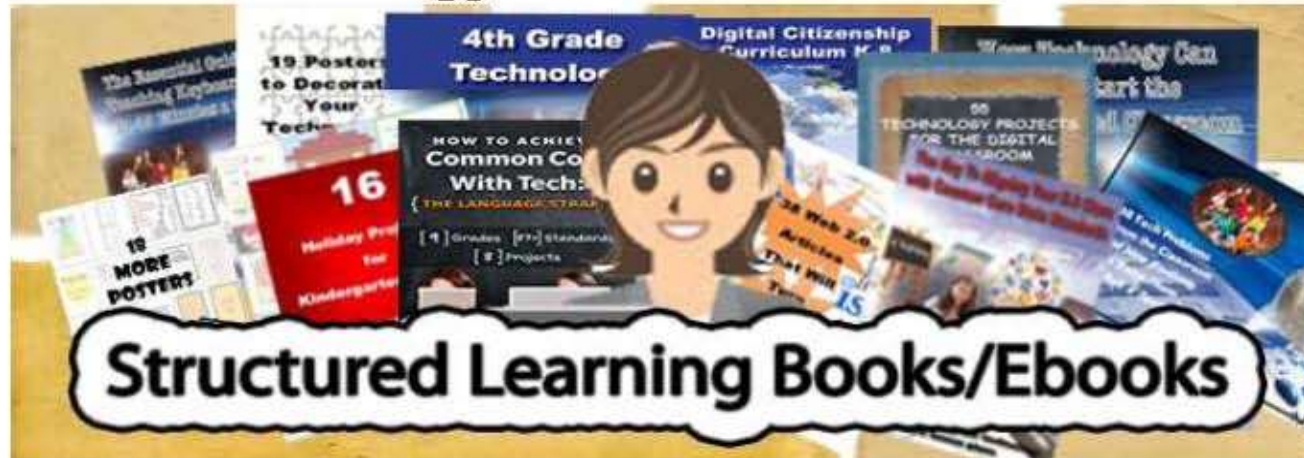
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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.1,8
CCSS.Math.Practice.MP3

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- Bridge Building
- Gamification
- Genius Hour
- Google Apps
- Khan Academy
- Service Learning
- Write an Ebook

SL Technology Books for Your Classroom



Which book	Price (print/digital/ Combo)	How Many
<i>K-8th Tech Textbook (each)</i>	\$29.99-32.99/29.99-26.99/48.58-59.99+p&h	
<i>K-6 Combo (all 7 textbooks)</i>	\$190.74/\$153.84/\$344.57 + p&h	
<i>K-8 Combo (all 7 textbooks)</i>	\$246.52/\$200.62/\$447.14+ p&h	
<i>35 More Projects for K-6</i>	\$31.99/25.99/52.18 + p&h	
<i>55 Tech Projects—Vol I, II, Combo</i>	\$32.99 /\$59.38—digital only (free shipping)	
<i>K-8 Keyboard Curriculum</i>	\$29.95/25.95/50.31 + p&h	
<i>K-8 Digital Citizenship Curriculum</i>	\$29.95/25.99/50.38 + p&h	
<i>Common Core—Math, Lang., Read</i>	\$26.99 ea/72.87 for 3—digi only (free ship'g)	
<i>K-5 Common Core Projects</i>	\$29.95/29.99/48.55 + p&h	
<i>16 Holiday Projects</i>	\$14.99 (digital only) + p&h	
<i>19 Posters for the Tech Lab</i>	\$6.99 (digital only)	
<i>18 More Posters for the Tech Lab</i>	\$12.99 (digital only)	
<i>98 Tech Tips From Classroom</i>	\$9.99 (digital only) + p&h	
<i>760+ Tech Ed Websites</i>	\$14.99 (digital only) + p&h	
<i>Tech Ed Scope and Sequences</i>	\$14.99 (digital only) + p&h	
<i>New Teacher Survival Kit (K-5)</i>	\$338.21/\$287.85/\$567.08+ p&h	
<i>New Teacher Survival Kit (K-6)</i>	\$370.20/\$314.84/\$620.16 + p&h	
<i>New Teacher Survival Kit (6-8)</i>	\$280.83/\$261.83/\$415.74 + p&h	
<i>Bundles of lesson plans</i>	\$7.99 and up—digital only (free shipping)	
<i>Mentoring (1 hr. at a time)</i>	\$50/hr	
<i>Year-long tech curriculum help</i>	\$100 per year (online)	
<i>Consulting/seminars/webinars</i>	Call or email for prices	
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