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| **Criteria** | **Very Strong** | **Strong** | **Developing** | **Needs Development** |
| **Organization and Clarity**  **(20 points)** | Arguments are stated clearly.  Arguments are organized and outlined properly to fit structure of the debate (completes time limit). **15-20 points** | Arguments are stated.  Audience can follow the arguments, following majority of the structure of the debate (fills majority of the time limit) **10-15 points** | Arguments are stated but not clear enough to the audience  Arguments are unorganized, difficult to follow, and does not follow the structure of the debate (time limit is halfway completed)  **5-9 points** | Arguments are not stated  Arguments are not organized and do not fit the structure of the debate (time limit is not reached) **0-4 points** |
| **Claim for Argument**  **(15 points)** | Claim on the topic is clearly stated  Use of evidence to support the claim is clear, relevant, and purposeful. **12-15 points** | Claim on the topic is stated  Use of evidence to support the claim is relevant. **9-12 points** | Claim on the topic is unclear  Use of evidence to support the claim is unclear and irrelevant.  **5-8 points** | Claim on the topic is not stated.  No use of evidence to support the claim. **0-4 points** |
| **Counterclaim and Rebuttal**  **(15 points)** | Counterclaim is clearly stated, and appropriately addresses the other side.  Rebuttal is strong and well developed, demonstrating support for claim. **12-15 points** | Counterclaim is stated and addresses the other side  Rebuttal is well developed and supports claim.  **9-12 points** | Counterclaim does not acknowledge the other side  Rebuttal weakly supports claim (i.e. sounds like an opinion).  **5-8 points** | Counterclaim does not acknowledge the other side  Rebuttal is not developed to support claim.  **0-4 points** |
| **Presentation of Debate**  **(20 points)** | Voice is clear and the proper volume; attitude is appropriate and convincing  Proper use of gestures and speakers have full composure in front of audience  High level of enthusiasm in delivering argument to convince the audience  Member participates appropriately and frequently in debate. **15-20 points** | Voice is the proper volume; attitude is appropriate  Gestures are used; speakers are composed in front of the audience  Enthusiasm is convincing to the audience  Member participates in debate.  **10-15 points** | Voice is difficult to hear; attitude is  Gestures are not used appropriately; speakers have difficulty composing in front of the audience (i.e. plays with hair)  Enthusiasm in delivering the argument is weak, not very convincing  Member rarely participates in debate.  **5-9 points** | Voice is unheard; attitude is inappropriate and unconvincing  Speakers are not composed and do not use gestures  No enthusiasm in delivering the argument is shown which does not convince the audience  Member does not participate in debate.  **0-4 points** |
| **Script/Notes**  **(10 points)** | Script is neat, well prepared, and fully completed. **8-10 points** | Script is well prepared and fully completed. **5-7 points** | Script is completed; more effort could be shown. **3-4 points** | Script is not completed.  **0-2 points** |

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