**PRO – Con Mini Debate**

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**Your Assignment**

**You and a partner will pick one of the following topics to research and prepare to debate according to the following list.**

**First you must choose a 1st,2nd , and 3rd , choice.**

**You must have a partner who will debate either the pro or con side against you.**

**You must have an opposing person with whom you will debate these topics.**

**You must have parent approval to debate the particular topic.**

**You must research the particular topic on** [**www.procon.org**](http://www.procon.org) **as well as other sites for evidence, and be ready to read and defend your case supporting it with evidence found on this and other websites.**

**You must cite your sources in your paper. Put the original source (ex author of article, credentials, webpage and date the article was written) of your evidence not just procon.org NO PLAGERISM!!!!**

**You must turn in a written copy of whatever you read as well as attach any notes that you took during the debate**

**While each debate is going on each and everyone in the class will take and turn in notes (flowsheets) that they took during the debate as well as an evaluation of the debaters who debated that day.**

**You must have this form filled out and signed by you, your parents, your teammates, and opponents.**

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| **Pros and Cons of 35 Controversial Issues** | [**Español**](http://www.procon.org.es) |

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| **Business** |
| **1.** | [**Big Three Auto Bailout**](http://bigthreeauto.procon.org) **(archived 2008)** |
| **2.** | [**Insider Trading by Congress**](http://insidertrading.procon.org) |
| **Health & Medicine** |
| **3.** | [**Abortion**](http://abortion.procon.org/)  |  |
| **4.** | [**D.A.R.E.**](http://dare.procon.org)  |  |
| **5.** | [**Euthanasia**](http://euthanasia.procon.org)  |  |
| **6.** | [**Health Care Reform**](http://healthcarereform.procon.org)**New Site** |  |
| **7.** | [**Medical Marijuana**](http://medicalmarijuana.procon.org)  |  |
| **8.** | [**Milk**](http://milk.procon.org)  |  |
| **9.** | [**Obesity**](http://obesity.procon.org)  |  |
| **10.** | [**Prescription Drug Ads to Consumers**](http://prescriptiondrugs.procon.org)  |  |
| **11.** | [**Right to Health Care**](http://healthcare.procon.org/)  |  |
| **12.** | [**Vaccines for Kids**](http://vaccines.procon.org/)  |  |

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| **Law** |
| **13.** | [**ACLU**](http://aclu.procon.org)  |  |
| **14.** | [**Rose Bird**](http://rosebirdprocon.org) **(archived 1988)** |  |
| **Media & Entertainment** |
| **15.** | [**Social Networking**](http://socialnetworking.procon.org)  |  |
| **16.** | [**Video Games and Violence**](http://videogames.procon.org)  |  |
| **Politics** |  |
| **17.** | [**2008 Presidential Election**](http://2008Election.procon.org) **(archived 2008)** |  |
| **18.** | [**Concealed Handguns**](http://concealedguns.procon.org)  |  |
| **19.** | [**Death Penalty**](http://deathpenalty.procon.org)  |  |
| **20.** | [**Drinking Age**](http://drinkingage.procon.org)  |  |
| **21.** | [**Felon Voting**](http://felonvoting.procon.org)  |  |
| **22.** | [**Illegal Immigration**](http://immigration.procon.org)  |  |
| **23.** | [**Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**](http://israelipalestinian.procon.org)  |  |
| **24.** | [**Social Security Privatization**](http://socialsecurity.procon.org)  |  |
| **25.** | [**US-Iraq War**](http://usiraq.procon.org)  |  |

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| **Religion** |
| **26.** | [**Under God in the Pledge**](http://undergod.procon.org)  |  |
| **Science & Technology** |  |
| **27.** | [**Alternative Energy vs. Fossil Fuels**](http://alternativeenergy.procon.org)  |  |
| **28.** | [**Cell Phones**](http://cellphones.procon.org)  |  |
| **29.** | [**Climate Change**](http://climatechange.procon.org) |  |
| **30.** | [**Nuclear Power**](http://www.nuclearpowerprocon.org) **(archived 1988)** |  |
| **31.** | [**Voting Machines**](http://votingmachines.procon.org)  |  |
| **Sex & Gender** |
| **32.** | [**Born Gay? Origins of Sexual Orientation**](http://borngay.procon.org)  |  |
| **33.** | [**Prostitution**](http://prostitution.procon.org)  |  |
| **Sports** |
| **34.** | [**College Football - Playoffs vs. BCS**](http://collegefootball.procon.org)   |  |
| **35.** | [**Drug Use in Sports**](http://sportsanddrugs.procon.org)  |  |

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1st Choice\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Partner’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Opponents’ Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to research and debate the above Chosen topics.

Parents Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outline of Pro and Con’s First Speech:

I. Introduction

    A.  set-up thesis

    B.  Methods to use:  1.   Quotation  2.  Story  3.  Analogy  4.  Startling or unusual

    C.  it is catchy?

    D.  attention getting?

    E.  Leads to your thesis

II.  Problems ( What evidence is there that you really have something to pesuade us?)

     Use facts/examples/stories

    A.  What is being harmed?

        1. Society

        2.  Environment

    B. Who is being harmed?

        1.  everyone

        2. special groups

        3.  society as a whole?

    C. Is there a significant number of people being harmed?

III.  Why does this problem exist?         Such as...

    A.  Facts

    B.  examples

    C.  opinions

IV.  Solutions

   A.  Your own

    B.  experts

    C.  Will they work?

V.  Conclusion

   A.  Ties back to the purpose/thesis

    B.  Concludes your speech

**Debate Format**

**Pro Speaker One: Stands up and Reads case for 3 mins**

Con Speaker: Stands up and Cross Examines (Asks questions) for 1 min 30 seconds

Con speaker takes Prep time of: 1 minute of prep time

**Con speaker reads con case for 3 minutes and attacks Pro side for 1 minute** **4 minutes total**

Pro speaker Cross Examines Con speaker for 1 min 30 seconds.

Pro speaker takes prep time 1 minute prep time.

**Pro speaker Answers attacks and attacks Con Arguments rebuttal 2 minutes**

Con speaker takes Prep time 30 Seconds

**Con Speaker makes sumation arguments 2 minutes**

Pro speaker takes prep time 30 seconds

**Pro Speaker makes sumation arguments 1 minutes**