

# Fundamentals of Debate

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Weekly classes on Sundays, 7:00-8:00 P.M. EST

## Course Description

Aimed at middle school students who are interested in learning about debate, this course aids students in getting a head start in their debate teams. The course will start off with an introduction to the various forms and terms of debate, then go on to hone in on students' skills in the different components of debate. There will be speech and quick thinking exercises throughout the course to give students practice, and the course ends with a final debate that students will have two weeks to prepare for. By the end of the course, students will be able to grasp the fundamentals of debate.

## Curriculum

Unit 1: Intro to Debate

- What is debate?
- Debate formats
- Debate terminology

Unit 2: Research

- How to find good sources
- Media biases
- Research strategies

Unit 3: Speech

- Parts of a speech
- Delivery

Unit 4: Argumentation

- Logic fallacies
- Persuasion triad
- A.R.E.
- Flowing

Unit 5: Refutation

- What to look for
- How to refute

## Meeting Agenda\*

7/24 Meeting 1: Unit 1

7/31 Meeting 2: Unit 2

8/7 Meeting 3: Unit 2, 3

8/14 Meeting 4: Unit 3, 4

8/21 Meeting 5: Unit 4

8/28 Meeting 6: Unit 5

9/4 Meeting 7: SpAr Debate

9/11 Meeting 8: Big Debate Prep

9/18 Meeting 9: Big Debate

9/25 Meeting 10: Reflection, Summary

\*subject to change