

American Government - Blizzard Bag #3

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Debate Topics

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I try to run at least one debate per year in my American Government if we have the time. Students usually do really well, earn a bunch of points, and have a little bit of fun with it. For this assignment I want you to help me think of some topics we could debate.

First: Think of a topic that we could debate this year - any major topic that people disagree about in modern US government and politics. Examples might be: “ The United States should build a 2,000 mile wall on the US / Mexico border”, or “Taxes should be raised on Americans who make more than 10 million dollars a year to help pay for education and healthcare.” Write your topic where it says “ Possible Debate Topic “

Second: Think of **two** ways to support or attack this topic. Write them where it says “ Main Argument 1 “ and “ Main Argument 2 “ For example, you could write “Many other countries have much higher taxes on their millionaires and billionaires, and they use that money to improve their schools.”

Third: Sources! Give me a credible source that backs up what you are claiming. For instance, if you are insisting that we need a border wall to keep us safe you might link to an article about other countries that use walls, like Israel. Write this where it says “Evidence” Use the same guidelines for good sources that we use in class when doing news assignments.

Name:

Possible Debate Topic:

Main Argument:

1. _____

Evidence: _____

Main Argument

2. _____

Evidence: _____

Send any finished work or questions to me at jhunter@thetomorrowcenter.org. If this is a snow day I'll probably just be sitting around my house watching Netflix and can lend a hand.