

Debate

The following guidelines will help you prepare for the

FORUMS TESTING and **ROBUST ANSWER TESTING**

PRE Preparation

Read the topic closely or generate several statements, identifying support for the agreed topic, topic, and counterbalancing concerns. Consider the most important factors and the most important counterbalancing factors and a few important to counterbalancing aspects of each one.

- 1) **Make clear arguments to support your position.** Make sure that the issues you support are supported. Remember that the other team will try to argue against you.
- 2) **Be prepared!** Make a list of arguments for the opposing side right from the start.
- 3) **Prepare counter-arguments that respond to the opposing side's arguments.** It usually helps to be thoughtful to think about your opponent's position and how you can respond to it.
- 4) **Organize your information!** When you are in the debate, you will have to talk fairly quickly. Make sure you organize your counter-arguments so that you can respond to them easily.
- 5) **Keep the audience limited!** Think about the preferences and interests of the audience you are trying to convince. Remember, the audience is the judge!

After the Debate

Remember to bring with you questions, questions, and questions about the topic.

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