

# Argument Talk Protocol

1. Name the Argument.
2. Listen and gather evidence for both sides of the argument.
  - You should be able to argue either way.
  - Be alert to juicy quotes and statistics.
3. Pick a side.
4. Caucus with your side:
  - What is your BEST evidence?
    - Sort through and weigh your evidence to find the strongest
  - Rehearse your argument.
5. Face off!
  - Meet your opponent and present your argument...and listen to theirs.
  - You will have one minute each to present your argument.
6. Repeat back to your opponent the BEST part of their argument.
  - What evidence was most compelling or persuasive?
7. Caucus with your side again to plan rebuttal.
  - What were the opposition's strongest arguments and how can your side rebut?
  - A rebuttal should not just be a restatement of your initial argument!
8. Rebuttal with opponent (1 minute).
9. Options:
  - Flashdraft.
  - Develop a more sophisticated Position C.
  - Chart powerful debate moves and strategies.