REBUTTAL BATTLE

Name:

Read the question and take a stance. 1) Prepare to defend your position in a battle: Write down your arguments (reasons and evidence) and anticipate your opponent’s arguments. 2) Battle.

Question:

My stance:

Yes/For/agree

No/Against/Disagree

**1. PREPARE**

YOUR ARGUMENTS

Take a stance. Support your reasons with evidence, facts, and relevant examples.

COUNTER-ARGUMENTS

Anticipate how your opponent might respond: interpret claims differently; point to drawbacks.

REBUTTALS

Be ready with a comeback. Refute the counter-argument by showing how/why it is invalid.

**Prepare to defend your arguments**

OPPONENT’S ARGUMENTS

Look at it from the other side and anticipate what arguments your opponent will make.

YOUR COUNTER

Respond to the opponent’s arguments. Try to make a counter that will be hard to refute.

OPPONENT’S DEFENSE

Anticipate how your opponent will try to show that your counter is invalid, illogical or irrelevant

**Prepare to take on your opponent**

**Round 2:**

Main argument

Counter

argument

Rebuttal

**Round 1:**

Main argument

Counter

argument

Rebuttal

*NAME*

*NAME*

YES/FOR/AGREE

NO/AGAINST/DISAGREE

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NO/AGAINST/DISAGREE

Pair up with someone whose position is opposite of yours. Use the (pretend) comment section below to debate. Imagine that it is an online comment section under a newspaper article. There are two rounds in the battle. Take turns being first. One person starts the round by writing down their main argument. Next, the opponent responds with a counterargument. Lastly, the person who started the round makes a rebuttal.

**2. BATTLE**

**Who won?**

Decide together who won. First, evaluate Round 1, then Round 2. Consider the use of evidence and logical reasoning; if the responses directly addressed the opponent’s argument; and how well you were able to defend an attack.