

FREIRE DEBATE ROLES & RULES

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A great way to practice your close reading **and** your claim-making skills all at the same time is to engage in debate with others. For this activity, each class will split up into two groups. One group will support Freire’s “problem-posing” mode of education, while the other will argue for the benefits of the traditional “banking-method” of education. (If you end up in the FOR problem-posing education group, but happen to be AGAINST problem-posing education, it is still your job to help convince the judges that problem-posing education is the way to go and vice versa.) Everyone must have a role in this debate. You will have about 8 speakers, and you will need to have a secretary or note-taker—preferably someone with good penmanship! Each group will need to work with an instructor or tutor on crafting your debate.

Roles & Rules

Opening Statement Presenter (1 person):

Gathers the main arguments into an introductory statement. Does not give specific information, rather outlines the group’s main claims, saying, “This is true because of A and B and C.”

Time: 3 minutes

1. _____

Topic Presenters (2 or 3 people):

Present the main arguments for the team. Each presenter give specific details that prove A and B and C.

Time: 3 minutes each

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Rebuttal Presenters (1 or 2 people):

Answer the arguments of the other team. These presenters must take notes as the other team is presenting their arguments and respond to every argument, using specific information to disprove them.

Time to confer: 1 minute

Time to rebut: 2 minutes each

1. _____

2. _____

Closing Statement Presenter (1 person):

Presents the closing arguments for the team. Repeats the main idea for this and this and this reasons.

Time: 3 minutes

1. _____

Rules for Debate:

- Everyone must speak, work as a team, draw specifically on the readings
- Be respectful, no ad hominem attacks or put-downs
- You must raise your hand if it is not your turn to speak
- Keep to the time limit. You will be cut off if you go over.