



# **Climb the Mountain**

Speech and Debate Foundation

## **LD Debate Scripts Version 1.0**

## LD Debate Speech Order and Times

Aff Constructive—Present Aff Case: Aff Value-Criteria and Contention(s) for the Topic (6 minutes)

Cross-examination—Neg asks Aff questions (3 minutes)

Neg Constructive—Present Neg Case: Neg Value-Criteria and Contention(s) against the topic AND respond to the Aff Case (7 minutes)

Cross-examination—Aff asks Neg questions (3 minutes)

1<sup>st</sup> Aff Rebuttal—Respond to the Neg Case and Defend the Aff Case (4 minutes)

Neg Rebuttal—Defend the Neg Case; Show why you won the Neg Case and your responses to the Aff Case (6 minutes)

2<sup>nd</sup> Aff Rebuttal—Show why you won the Aff Case and your responses to the Neg Case (3 minutes)

Depending on the tournament, you will get 2 to 6 minutes of total Prep Time during the debate to use before your speeches.

## All Debaters—Have your two flowsheets ready to go!

### Aff Case and Responses Flowsheet

Aff-Case with contention(s)	Neg-Responses to the Aff contention(s)	1 <sup>st</sup> Aff Rebuttal- Defend the Aff contention(s)	Neg Rebuttal I defeated the Aff contention(s)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aff Rebuttal- I won the Aff contention(s)

### Neg Case and Responses Flowsheet

Neg-Case with contention(s)	1 <sup>st</sup> Aff Rebuttal- Responses to the Neg contention(s)	Negative Rebuttal- I won the Neg contention(s)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aff Rebuttal- I defeated the Neg Contentions

# Aff Speaker Script

## Prepare your Speech

On your flowsheet in the 1A Column—Flow your Value-Criteria and Contentions.

## Your First Speech

Read your case. Read it to express the meaning. Read it loud and clearly.

## Answer Questions

For 3 minutes, answer the negative speaker's questions. Try to answer without pausing. Try to answer by restating strong arguments and citing sources (memorize them) to back up your answer. Avoid answering in ways that give your opponent a strategic advantage.

## Flow the First Neg Speech

Prepare Responses to the Neg Case (Follow the 90% rule!)

Prepare Defenses of your Aff Case (Follow the 90% rule!)

Remember that you will only have 4 minutes to respond—so you need to be concise and to hit the most important points

Be thinking of questions you can ask.

## Ask Questions

For 3 minutes, ask the negative speaker questions. Try to ask questions that show weaknesses in their arguments. Focus on asking questions about the evidence they presented. "Where in your evidence does it show/say \_\_\_\_\_." Avoid asking open ending questions that let your opponent talk about their best points. Avoid asking in ways that give your opponent a strategic advantage.

## Your First Affirmative Rebuttal Speech

BE CONCISE.

BALANCE YOUR TIME! 2 MINUTES AGAINST THEIR CASE. 2 MINUTES DEFENDING YOUR CASE.

"Again \_\_\_ in one short sentence state your strongest argument and why you should win\_\_\_"

"Against their value-criteria, first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_"

"Against their first contention, first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_" (do same for additional contentions)

"Now, go to my case. My value-criteria showed \_\_\_\_\_. They are wrong about \_\_\_ (a 2-3 word abbreviation of their argument)\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. So my \_\_\_value-criteria\_\_\_ is still how the topic should be judged."

"My First Contention shows \_\_\_\_\_. They are wrong because \_\_\_\_\_. This contention's impact is \_\_\_\_\_ and thus meets the \_\_\_value-criteria\_\_\_\_\_." (do same for additional contentions)

"Vote Affirmative."

## **Flow the Neg Rebuttal**

Prepare Reasons on why your Responses to the Neg Case should win (Follow the 90% rule!)

Prepare Reasons on why your Aff Case Value-Criteria and Contentions should win (Follow the 90% rule!)

Remember that you will only have 3 minutes to make your case—so you need to be concise and to hit the most important points.

## **Your Second Affirmative Rebuttal Speech**

BE CONCISE.

BALANCE YOUR TIME! YOU HAVE 3 MINUTES TO WIN YOUR CASE AND DEFEAT THEIR CASE!

"Again \_\_\_ in one short sentence state your strongest argument and why you should win \_\_\_"

"I've defeated their value-criteria because I showed first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_"

"I've defeated their first contention because I showed first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_" (do same for additional contentions)

"Now, go to my case. I've won my value-criteria because I showed \_\_\_\_."

"I've won my First Contention because I showed \_\_\_\_." (do same for additional contentions)

"Vote Affirmative."

**Have Time? Try to get this time—it is important.**

**WEIGH THE ARGUMENTS IN THE DEBATE: "My contentions have more impact/importance because \_\_\_\_\_."**

# Neg Speaker Script

## Prepare your Speech

**On your flowsheet in the 1N Column—Flow your Value-Criteria and Contentions. Remember—your case should be 3.5 to 4 minutes maximum so you can spend AT LEAST 3 minutes responding to the aff case.**

## Flow the First Aff Speech

Prepare Responses to the Aff Case (Follow the 90% rule!)

Be thinking of questions you can ask.

## Ask Questions

For 3 minutes, ask the affirmative speaker questions. Try to ask questions that show weaknesses in their arguments. Focus on asking questions about the evidence they presented. "Where in your evidence does it show/say \_\_\_\_\_." Avoid asking open ending questions that let your opponent talk about their best points. Avoid asking in ways that give your opponent a strategic advantage.

## Your First Speech

3.5 to 4 minutes: Read your case. Read it to express the meaning. Read it loud and clearly.

3 to 3.5 minutes: Respond to the aff case. You should read several pieces of evidence against their case. To do this:

"Against their value-criteria, first \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_"

"Against their first contention, first \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_" (do same for additional contentions)

"Vote Negative."

## Answer Questions

For 3 minutes, answer the affirmative speaker's questions. Try to answer without pausing. Try to answer by restating strong arguments and citing sources (memorize them) to back up your answer. Avoid answering in ways that give your opponent a strategic advantage.

## Flow the First Affirmative Rebuttal Speech

Prepare Defenses of your Neg Case (Follow the 90% rule!)

Prepare Defenses of your responses to the Aff Case (Follow the 90% rule!)

## **Your Negative Rebuttal Speech**

Start with: “\_\_\_in one short sentence state your strongest argument and why you should win\_\_\_”

“Against their value-criteria, I showed first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_”

“Against their first contention, I showed first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_” (do same for additional contentions)

“Now, go to my case. My value-criteria showed \_\_\_\_.”

“My First Contention shows \_\_\_\_.” (do same for additional contentions)

“Vote Affirmative.”

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**WEIGH THE ARGUMENTS IN THE DEBATE: “My contentions have more impact/importance because \_\_\_\_.”**

## **Flow the Second Affirmative Rebuttal Speech**

Could you have made stronger arguments so this affirmative rebuttal speech would be less persuasive?

## **Flow the Neg Rebuttal**

Prepare Reasons on why your Responses to the Neg Case should win (Follow the 90% rule!)

Prepare Reasons on why your Aff Case Value-Criteria and Contentions should win (Follow the 90% rule!)

Remember that you will only have 3 minutes to make your case—so you need to be concise and to hit the most important points.

## **Your Second Affirmative Rebuttal Speech**

BE CONCISE.

BALANCE YOUR TIME! YOU HAVE 3 MINUTES TO WIN YOUR CASE AND DEFEAT THEIR CASE!

“Again \_\_\_ in one short sentence state your strongest argument and why you should win\_\_\_”

“I’ve defeated their value-criteria because I showed first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_”

“I’ve defeated their first contention because I showed first \_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_” (do same for additional contentions)

“Now, go to my case. I’ve won my value-criteria because I showed \_\_\_\_.”

“I’ve won my First Contention because I showed \_\_\_\_.” (do same for additional contentions)

“Vote Affirmative.”

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**WEIGH THE ARGUMENTS IN THE DEBATE: “My contentions have more impact/importance because \_\_\_\_\_.”**