

HUMAN DIVERSITY DEBATES

Below you'll find your debate topics, sides, and dates. Get together with the others on your side and practice. Come to class on time (if not early) on debate days. Everyone is required to attend each debate.

Your grade on each debate is divided in two parts: half for your presentation, half for the paper. You may work together as a group on the presentation, but each person will have to make a separate presentation, and each will be responsible for his/her own paper.

Your written summary should be approximately 5 pages long (typed, 1-1.5 spacing, 1 inch margins all around). Find research to support your topic. Each of these debates is potentially emotionally charged; however, you will be expected to argue from your head not your heart. Have FACTS to support your view. Be sure to include a "References Cited" section at the end of your paper. Your paper should include a minimum of 6 references from scientific journals and quality publications (ie-- *Newsweek* or *Time* are okay, the *National Enquirer* or *TV Guide* are not). Your paper is due the day of your debate.

For the presentation, divide the topic into subsections that each person on your side will present. One side will give 15 minutes for presentation, then the other side. There will then be approximately 5 minutes for questions. The audience will then have time to ask questions. (The 15 minutes per side is to be divided up equally among the debators on each team. Time limitations will be strictly observed -- you will not be given extra time to express your views if you're not finished, so be sure to practice). Part of your presentation grade for the debate will be based on your ability to understand and synthesize the information in a short presentation time.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE – Date: September 20

Pro

CHENG, Stephanie
MARSHALL, Anhmarie
HAVEY, Jill

Con

WILLIAMS, Erica
KIEHNA, Lauren
JOHNSON, Thomas

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION -- Date: September 20

Pro

BAILEY, Larry
RYAN, Sean

Con

COLLINS, Brendon
FUERRERO, Stephanie
HAYES, Tommy

ABORTION -- Date: September 22

Pro

TO, Lisa
GOODENOW, Anne
BARCZAK, Nicole

Con

BRASS, Hillary
HEUER, Kyle

STEM CELL RESEARCH -- Date: September 22

Pro

GRUTSCH, Rebecca
LEE, Kat
GOEDEL, Lee

Con

PLANAP, Beth
SWITAJ, Paul