



Debate Guide

GROUP MEMBERS

Think about the each phase of the product life cycle using the following questions as you read the information for your product. Make sure that you are able to answer each question. Addressing all of these points will make your debate more well-rounded and convincing. Focus on what is environmentally friendly about your product and the shortcomings of the opposing product!

Each debate will last 12 minutes. Each group will have 3 minutes to present its side, 2 minutes to respond to the other group, and 1 minute to summarize main points. You should take notes during the debates you do not participate in.

1. What are the raw materials that go into your product (e.g., trees or aluminum)? How is this material harvested or extracted?
2. How is the product made? How much energy goes into creating it?
3. How many times can the product be used? If it can be reused, does it require inputs such as water or electricity?
4. What happens when the consumer no longer wants the product? Can it be given to someone else? Can it be recycled? Does it go to the landfill or incinerator?
5. What are the key disadvantages to the opposing product that you can use to your advantage?
6. What are the key disadvantages of your product that you should be prepared to defend?