



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Unlike Parliamentary debates there is not a universally agreed format. This format is adapted for 7th & 8th grade boys.

**TO LEAD OR  
NOT TO LEAD**



## FORMAT FOR A CROSS- EXAMINATION DEBATE

Affirmative opening statement	3 min
Rebuttal by the negative	1.5 min
Negative opening statement	3 min
Rebuttal by the affirmative	1.5 min
Negative cross-examines the affirmative	2 min
Affirmative cross-examines the Negative	2 min
2 minute break	
Final negative rebuttal	2 min
Final affirmative rebuttal	2 min
Negative closing statements	2 min
Affirmative closing statements	2 min