Online debate

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Each debate will be moderated by a different country, carried out by two other countries and witnessed by the fourth participant.

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In all cases, the country which is moderating the debate has to organize the online meeting on e-twinning and all participants have to be online in order to sign in at the same time.

We need four students per country to participate in the meetings.

We discuss whether participants should hold the online debates in the afternoon or in the evenings as some schools have classes in the morning and some other in the afternoons or in alternative weeks.

The time for the meetings must be set according to CET (central European time).

Two weeks before each meeting, the moderator has to open the meeting and tell the topic to the participants. Students have to think about the different possibilities the topic offers and, one week before the online meeting, the moderator will tell each one of the two participant countries whether they are for or against the topic established two weeks before.

The development of the debates was discussed. There will be four students and the first participant will do an introduction. It will be about something general in the field of cultural heritage. Then, each student gives a reason in favour or against the topic and the other two students follow, exchanging turns with the other participant country.. the fourth student provides the closing statement.

Step 1

* All partners read the instructions for the debate and useful phrases, which are published in twinspace
* Time: 3 weeks prior to the debate

Step 2

* Moderator country sets a TwinSpace **online event** and announces the debate topic.
* All Ss collect ideas for both sides.
* Time: 2 weeks
* Participants: members of debating teams and everybody else who is interested.

Step 3

* Debating teams get their roles. The one who is on the affirmative side will start the debate. It is advised that each country starts once.
* Debating countries prepare for the debate.
* Time: 1 week.
* Moderator country prepares for moderation (phrases, rules, evaluation).

Step 4

* Time: the day of the debate
* Moderator country opens the online meeting in Twinspace and the participants join them.
* The debate begins. The moderator addresses all participants and wishes them good luck. Then the debate proceeds as follows:

1. Introduction affirmative: 2 minutes
2. Introduction negative: 2 minutes
3. Arguments affirmative: 2 minutes
4. Arguments negative: 2 minutes
5. Counter arguments affirmative: 2 minutes
6. Counter arguments negative: 2 minutes
7. Conclusion affirmative: 2 minutes
8. Conclusion negative: 2 minutes

* Debate recorded.
* Jury records their decision.
* Recorded debate uploaded into TwinSpace.

Useful tips

Arrange the online meeting half an hour prior to start to have time for checking the technology.

Hosting party should use two computers as hosts. One computer is for projecting a clock counting back. The screen must be shared with the other computers.

The second computer is for the students. Turn on the camera.

Hosting team allows participants to use their cameras and microphones.

All attendants should turn off their microphones in case they do not speak.

Debating parties should not forget that there is a moderator; they shouldn’t start speaking without being asked to.

Questions are not allowed. If there is time left, the speaker says thank you and the moderator stops the clock.