



Classroom Debate Rubric

Name _____

Needs Improvement

Developing

Good

Excellent

Reasoning

-opinion based

-lacking proof or evidence

-minimal evidence of research and topic knowledge

-weak claims

-requires evidence to support the position

-evasive

-some simple ideas

-some proof or evidence

-some evidence of research and topic knowledge

-claim with some background information

-some evidence to support the position

-somewhat evasive

-developed ideas with supporting evidence

-evidence of research and topic knowledge

-strong claims with background information

-evidence to support the position

-qualifies answers

-well developed ideas with supporting evidence

-strong evidence of research and topic knowledge

-very strong claims, makes good arguments, good background information

-strong evidence to support the position

-strongly qualifies answers

Communication

-unclear, lacks purpose

-little feeling conveyed

-minimal eye contact

-not convincing

-lack of research and knowledge

-some clarity

-some issues identified

-some eye contact

-somewhat convincing

-evidence of some research present

-clearly presented

-most issues identified and clarified

-some passion shown for topic

-eye contact

-convincing

-good evidence of research and knowledge of topic

-very clearly presented

-central issues identified and clarified

-passionate while expressing topic

-eye contact, captive audience

-very convincing and persuasive

-well researched, excellent knowledge of topic

Additional comments: _____
