

Outline for Writing an Affirmative Lincoln-Douglas Debate Case

OUTLINE for an AFFIRMATIVE Lincoln-Douglas Debate Case (6 minutes)

Quotation:

With these words in mind, I stand firmly resolved that: (state resolution)

For the sake of clarification in this debate, I would like to define the following terms from

_____ Dictionary:

My value for this debate is _____ because _____ is
_____.

My value criterion is _____ because it is the best tool with which to measure if my value is being upheld in this debate.

I have three contentions (arguments), each of which upholds my value:

My 1st contention is that: (state the title of this contention)

My 2nd contention is that: (state the title of this contention)

My 3rd contention is that: (state the title of this contention)

Contention 1: (repeat title of your contention)

EXPLANATION of your contention using logic and reasoning:

EVIDENCE and/or EXPERT opinion supporting this contention

(Do the same for Contentions 2 & 3)

In conclusion, having supported my value of _____, I urge an affirmation of the resolution that (restate resolution) _____.

Outline for Writing a Negative Lincoln-Douglas Debate Case

OUTLINE for NEGATIVE CASE (7 Minute Speech: 4 minutes prepared 3 minutes rebuttal)

Quotation:

With these words in mind, I stand firmly AGAINST the resolution which states that: (state resolution)

For the sake of clarification in this debate, I would like to define the following terms from

_____ Dictionary:

My value for this debate is _____ because _____ is
_____.

My value criterion is _____ because it is the best tool with which to measure if my value is being upheld in this debate.

I have three contentions (arguments), each of which upholds my value:

My 1st contention is that: (state the title of this contention)

My 2nd contention is that: (state the title of this contention)

Contention 1: (repeat title of your contention)

EXPLANATION of your contention using logic and reasoning:

EVIDENCE and/or EXPERT opinion supporting this contention

(Do the same for Contention 2)

In conclusion, having supported my value of _____, I urge a **NEGATION** of the resolution that (restate resolution) _____.