

Debate I Year at a Glance (YAG)



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First Semester		Second Semester	
1st Nine Weeks – 41 days (August 16th – October 13th) (September 6th – Labor day – No School) (October 11th – Staff Development)		3 rd Nine Weeks – 45 days (January 3rd – March 4 th) (January 17th – MLK – No School)	
TEKS D.1ABC D.2ABCD D.3ABCDEFGHI D.4ABCD D.5ABC D.6ABCD D.7ABC D.8ABCDE D.9ABCDE D.10AB	Introduction to Debate (15 Days) Students will explore the historical use of debate as a tool to discuss controversial issues across a variety of settings. Key historical figures in the development of argumentation theories will be explored (Aristotle, Plato, Toulmin). Students will also examine a variety of controversial societal issues and explore how debate can help individuals analyze and solve problems. Finally, the critical role of listening in debate and argumentation will be stressed. Effective listening strategies will be discussed and practiced. Writing and Arguing a Case (25 Days) Students will examine logical argumentation structure and identify proper sequencing of logical arguments. Significant time will be spent on identifying logical arguments using the Toulmin method (claim-warrant-impact-analysis/commentary). Students will learn about analysis of evidence to evaluate for reliability, credibility, validity, timeliness and bias. Various methods of research, both of print and online resources, will be taught and practiced. Students will learn basics of case construction across a variety of debate formats. Basic structural elements of generic cases include framework, definitions and contentions. Friday Current Issues (8 Days - each Friday) Students will research and analyze current issues. Note: Days will overlap with various units	OI.1ABC OI.2ABCD OI.3AB OI.4ABCDEFGH I OI.5ABCD OI.6ABCDE OI.7ABCD OI.ABCD D.1ABC D.2AC D.5ABC	Introduction to Oral Interp Poetry and Prose (20 Days) Students will learn appropriate verbal communication strategies such as clear, precise language to effectively interpret a piece of poetry or prose. Additionally, nonverbal strategies of appropriate body language, spatial relation, effective facial expressions, tone, volume and vocal variety will be taught and demonstrated. Expanding Worldviews: Political & Social (20 Days) Students will research and analyze the philosophies of a variety of historical and contemporary philosophers as well as the key principles and beliefs of major world political systems. Students will research and analyze the philosophies of a variety of historical and contemporary political theories and philosophers. Various political systems will be discussed, researched and utilized as tools for engaging in value and policy debates. Friday Current Issues (9 Days - each Friday) Students will research and analyze current issues. Note: Days will overlap with various units
2 nd Nine Weeks – 43 days (October 14 th – December 17th) (November 22 th – 26 th – Thanksgiving Break) (December 20th – December 31st – Holiday Break)		4 th Nine Weeks – 51 days (March 7 th – May 11 rd) (April 8th – Good Friday – No School) (April 15th – Battle of Flowers – No School) (May 30 th – Memorial Day – No School)	
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PS.7ABC PS.8AB language to effectively create and respond to arguments. Additionally, nonverbal strategies of appropriate body language, spatial relation, effective facial expressions, tone, volume and vocal variety will be taught and demonstrated.

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Friday Current Issues (8 Days - each Friday) Students will research and analyze current issues.

Semester Finals and Dead Days (6 Days)

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Advanced Debate and Speaking Techniques (20 Days)

Students will learn about a variety of debate styles including congressional debate, world school's debate, great communicator debate, original orations. Students will continue building the skills taught throughout the year, but at a more advanced level. This unit is designed as both a culmination of course knowledge, but also a preparation for transition into Varsity level debate or advanced noncompetitive debate courses. Students will engage in original case writing, advanced level brief compilation, oratory finalization and varsity-level research. Students will engage in teaching lessons over skills / content covered earlier in the year to ensure complete acquisition and understanding of concepts.

Friday Current Issues (9 Days - each Friday) Students will research and analyze current issues.

Semester Finals and Dead Days (6 Days)

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