

Name: _____

Period: _____

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FOUR CORNER DEBATE

Statement:

Step #1: Select your stand: *Strongly Agree, Agree but qualify, Strongly Disagree, Disagree but qualify*

Step #2: Write down at least three reasons for choosing your side.

6 pnts

Step #3: Next, move to the appropriate corner. In your “corner” group:

-Discuss your opinion about the statement with your group (use notes from Step #2 to help you).

-Collaborate as a group to come up with a position statement to present to the rest of the class who decided to go to a different corner. The purpose of the statement is to persuade the rest of the class that your choice is better than the other possibilities.

What assumptions is your claim based on? What is your key evidence? What are you most persuasive points? What is an opposing point that you need to defend?

8 pnts

Step #4: Share your position and debate! Discuss your group's position about the statement with the rest of the class. As statements are presented you may change corners.

Step #5: Closing reflection. In the space below, write a paragraph (6 sentences minimum) explaining your overall stance on the issue. If you changed sides, explain what convinced you to change your point of view on the issue. If you stayed on the same side, explain what the other group's argument was lacking and why they were not persuasive enough to move you.

6 pnts