**Panel Discussion Assignment**

You will be participating in a panel discussion on a topic (you may pick out of a hat).

A panel discussion is a discussion on a subject of interest by a panel (teams of two) in front of an audience. You and a partner will present your side of the argument, while another pair of students, assigned to the same topic, will give a presentation on the opposite side of the argument.

After delivering two sides of the argument, the class will ask questions, and the panel members will answer the questions (two to three questions per panel).

Each team must include in their discussion:

* An explanation of the topic
* THREE points that explain your side
  + The FOR team has 3 points, the AGAINST team has 3 points
* A conclusion that wraps up your side of the argument
* Each panel will range from 5 to 10 minutes, including questions.
* You may use notes if you want, but they are not required. Avoid reading from your page during the presentation. Make eye contact, use appropriate volume, practice good presentation skills.
* As the first panel discussion, there will be no rebuttals or arguments, only the two sides presenting their facts/opinions and the question period.

**Grading**: You are graded on your ability to work well with your partner/group, your presentation in front of an audience, your response to questions, as well as your peer evaluation and your self evaluation.

Organizer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FOR / AGAINST (Circle your stance)

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| EXPLANATION OF TOPIC |  |
| FIRST POINT |  |
| SECOND POINT |  |
| THIRD POINT |  |
| CONCLUSION |  |

Peer Evaluation

Each member of your group completes 1 Peer Evaluation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Partners: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Write the names of your group members in the numbered boxes. Then, assign yourself a value for each attribute. Do the same for your group members. Total the values.

Values: 5 (Superior) 4 (Above Average) 3 (Average) 2 (Below Average) 1 (Weak)

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| Attribute | Myself | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| Participated in discussions |  |  |  |  |  |
| Helped keep group on task |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contributed ideas |  |  |  |  |  |
| How much work was done |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quality of work |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Totals:** |  |  |  |  |  |

Group Self Evaluation

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| Criteria | Yes | No |
| Finished task, it was well presented. |  |  |
| Encouraged others, cooperated as a group |  |  |
| Used proper communication, respectful to others |  |  |
| Shared ideas, listened and valued other’s ideas. |  |  |

We did best at:

Next, we could improve at:

Comments: