

DEBATE 2
GRADES 9-12
(1 Semester - Prerequisite: Debate 1)

COURSE OVERVIEW:

This class is a continuation of Debate 1, building the skills learned there and applying them to legal issues. Three of the debate rounds will take the format of courtroom trial.

UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:

- UNIT I - Causal Thesis Tournament
- UNIT II - Murder Trials
- UNIT III - Issues of 21st Century
- UNIT IV - Uglyisms: Racisms, Sexism and Other Hatreds
- UNIT V - Thesis Debate
- UNIT VI - Law Suits

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

1. Learn the basics of the courtroom trial format..
2. Learn to write opening and closing statement.
3. Further develop their cross-examination skills/direct-examination skills
4. Learn how to make objections; conversely: to refute objections.

MAJOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES:

1. Master a list of 99 legal terms.
2. Outline trials and debates presented in class.
3. Strive to comprehend abstract concepts in trials and debates.

ADOPTED TEXT OR PRINCIPLE MATERIALS USED:

Course packets on trial topics (Murder, Hatred, Law Suits) and on others.