

DEBATE TOPIC:

Can and should robots replace humans in the workplace?

GRADING RUBRIC:

Criteria	4	3	2	1	Score
Organization & clarity Main argument outlined in a clear and orderly way	Completely clear and orderly	Mostly clear and orderly in all parts	Clear in some but not all parts	Unclear and disorganized throughout	
Use of evidence Reasons are given that are supported by cited facts	Very strong, persuasive argument supported by evidence	Many good arguments given, few supported facts	Some satisfactory arguments, not well supported	Few or no real arguments provided with no supporting facts	
Use of rebuttal Ability to uphold position against questioning from opposing side	Excellent response to rebuttal and questioning opposing side	Good questioning and rebuttals with only a few mistakes	Fair questioning and rebuttals but major mistakes	Poor questioning and failure to defend position	
Presentation style Ability to clearly express opinion & persuade audience	Very convincing argument. All team members participated	Good convincing argument. Most team members participated	Fairly convincing argument. Few team members participated	No convincing argument. Team members did not work together	
Comments				Total	



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Debate Team and Position:	

Speaker Behavior	Tally	Points	Subtotal
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Uses "because" statements to support their side		+1	
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Disagrees using appropriate responses		+2	
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Repeats information without adding own statements		-1	
Interrupts or deliberately disrupts discussion		-2	
Negative, demeaning, or rude		-3	
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