



# Debate: Writing and Presentation

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# Debate Proposition

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America is losing its competitive edge.

Affirmation (For)	Opposition (Against)
1 <sup>st</sup> Speaker	1 <sup>st</sup> Speaker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Speaker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Speaker
3 <sup>rd</sup> Speaker*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Speaker*

\*Third speaker may not add *additional* (previously unmentioned points) support for their position.



# Position Paper

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A position paper presents **one side of an arguable opinion** about an issue. The goal of a position paper is to **convince the audience** that your opinion is valid and defensible. Your job is to take one side of the argument and persuade your audience that you **have well-founded knowledge** of the topic being presented. It is important to support your argument with **evidence** to ensure the validity of your claims.



# The Thesis Statement

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- ▶ A *thesis* is a one-sentence statement about your topic. It's an assertion about your topic, something you claim to be true.
- ▶ Think about what your readers want or need to know. Then write a sentence stating what will be the central idea of your paper.



# Plan of Action

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- ▶ Your plan of action may include steps that should be taken to take action on your opinion. *For instance, a law should be passed to...*

