

Reflection: Informed vs. Uninformed Argument

Directions: In the space below, answer each question in complete sentences, reflecting on the debates you participated in over the past few days.

1. What are a few of the major differences between the first debate and the second debate?
2. What aspect of conducting research and working in your debate group most helped you prepare for your second debate? Explain why it was most helpful.
3. Why is it problematic to form an opinion or debate an issue when you're uninformed about it?
4. What kinds of things do you need to know about a person or group of people any time you are trying to change their minds?
5. How might your new insights about argument and persuasion come in handy outside of school?

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