

Best Climate Debate Rubric

Competencies	Advanced – 4	Proficient – 3	Emerging – 2	Beginning – 1
Critical Thinking	I logically analyze information for context, consistency, and inconsistency, and evaluate or propose alternative explanations and rational conclusions.	I analyze information for context, consistency, and inconsistency, and often evaluate or propose alternative explanations or rational conclusions.	I attempt to analyze information for context, consistency or inconsistency and sometimes evaluate or propose alternative explanations or rational conclusions.	I attempt to analyze information for context, consistency, or inconsistency.
Critical Reading	I logically analyze written information for context, purpose, and meaning, and always apply textual evidence in discussion and writing.	I analyze written information for context, purpose, and meaning, and often apply textual evidence in discussion and writing.	I attempt to analyze written information for context, purpose, or meaning, and sometimes apply textual evidence in discussion and writing.	I attempt to analyze written information for context, purpose, or meaning.
Independent Investigation	I research topics thoroughly to develop personal expertise that I can communicate clearly and effectively.	I adequately research topics to develop limited expertise that I can communicate in my own words.	I partially research topics, resulting in minimal standards of knowledge that I can somewhat explain.	I struggle to understand topics I research and can only communicate my research superficially.
Effective Expression	I always communicate complex thoughts, feelings, ideas, and understandings with exactitude, and in a manner that is engaging and appropriate to an audience.	I often communicate complex thoughts, feelings, ideas, and understandings with exactitude, and in a manner that is engaging and appropriate to an audience.	I sometimes communicate complex thoughts, feelings, ideas, and understandings with exactitude, and in a manner that is engaging and appropriate to an audience.	I struggle to communicate complex thoughts, feelings, ideas, and understandings with exactitude, or in a manner that is engaging and appropriate to an audience.
Confident Questioning	I always pose questions that enhance my knowledge, challenge assumptions, or imagine possibilities with courage and open-mindedness.	I often pose questions that enhance my knowledge, challenge assumptions, or imagine possibilities with courage and open-mindedness.	I sometimes pose questions that enhance my knowledge, challenge assumptions, or imagine possibilities with courage and open-mindedness.	I rarely pose questions that enhance my knowledge, challenge assumptions, or imagine possibilities.