**Debate Dictation**

1. Introductory statements should be complete paragraphs with thesis statements, support, and a concluding statement.
2. Introductory statements should take three to four minutes to read.
3. Rebuttals can be conducted by any team member, but must stick to the time limit.
4. During a rebuttal, questioners can only pose questions and those on the defense can only give responses.
5. New arguments cannot be brought up during the concluding statement.
6. The concluding statements need to be strong, because they are the last thoughts left with the audience.
7. Judges may deduct points from a team because the team doesn’t have enough support or the support is not from a valid source.
8. Judges may deduct points from a team for inappropriate behavior during the debate.
9. The winning team is the team that made the most convincing points in its favor.