

My Name is: I WILL BE YOUR SPEAKER - DATE

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is NAME and I am going to be your speaker tonight.

First I am going to introduce the speakers, and explain proceedings, rules and regulations. That will be followed by the actual debate.

Tonight's resolution is "\_\_\_\_\_".

On my right side is the Government team lead by the P.M. NAME, and seconded by NAME. The government team is in favour of the resolution.

On my left is the Opposition team lead by the Leader of the Opposition, NAME and seconded by NAME. The opposition team is against the resolution.

First the P.M. will introduce and define the resolution. Once the resolution is defined it cannot be changed. After defining the resolution, the P.M. will introduce the arguments in support of the resolution – and will provide evidence to substantiate those arguments. The PM will speak for 7 minutes.

The L.O. will respond to the PM – and will try to refute the arguments of the gov't in an attempt to show that the resolution is not true.

The L.O. will also have 7 minutes to speak.

The Member of Government will try to rebut the arguments of the L.O. and advance some new ones in support of the resolution. The MoG will have 5 minutes to speak.

And finally the Seconder of the Opposition will have an opportunity to refute the previously advanced arguments and come up with new ones against the resolution. The Opposition Seconder will have 5 min. to speak.

Following these presentations the LO and the PM will have an opportunity to speak to us for 2 minutes each. They will attempt to summarize their arguments and shore up support for their position.

That will conclude the first part of the debate. **I will explain the final part of the debate** after both leaders have concluded their 2-minute summaries.

**Before we start the actual debate I will ask you to turn on the Video.**

Welcome tonight to the Toronto Debating Society. It is "DATE". This is a ...(Regular) Parliamentary debate. Our resolution is: be it resolved "\_\_\_\_\_". **The P.M.** for this evening is (NAME)\_\_\_\_\_, who will speak to us for 7 minutes now.

**Thank you** .... Next there will be a Leader of the Opposition. S/he will also speak to us for 7 min. **Please welcome** (NAME)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Thank you** .... Now the seconder for the Gov't will have an opportunity to speak for 5 minutes. **Please welcome** (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thank you** .... And finally the seconder for the Opposition will conclude the first part of the debate. S/he will also speak to us for 5 mins. **Please welcome** (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Now** the LO and the PM will have an opportunity to speak to us for 2 minutes each. They will attempt to summarize their arguments and shore up support for their position.

**This has concluded** the first part of the debate.

**In the second part** I will first open proceedings to the audience. You will have an opportunity to speak for about one minute on the resolution. You may **express your opinion on the debate, voice your opinion on the subject, even** criticize or judge the speakers.

At this time you will also **have an opportunity to vote** on the debate. The ballots have been distributed, and I will announce the results at the end.

This will be followed by an adjudicator, who will speak for 7 minutes.

**We now you have an opportunity to speak on tonight's subject. Who would like to go first?**