

Presidential Debate Activity

Directions: In an election year, voter opinion may be swayed by how presidential candidates debate campaign issues and how their performance is interpreted. After viewing the most recent debate between _____ and _____, use the following to form your own opinion of each candidate.

1. List at least three issues debated.
2. Select one issue and detail the arguments presented by each candidate.
3. Select another issue. How did one candidate show a debating advantage over the other? In your opinion, what specifically was done by this candidate to gain an edge?
4. Following the debate, which candidate won your vote? Why?
Try to base your opinion purely on the candidates' debating skills rather than your prior knowledge or prejudices for or against a candidate.