

## Debate 1: Resolution and Format

### Debate resolution

“Between 1400 and 1650 CE, European technology, political structures, and religious beliefs made Spain and Portugal, supported by the Catholic Church, primarily responsible for geopolitical and cultural change throughout the world.”

### Format

#### Round 1

- Pro side presents its argument (5-7 minutes)
- Con side presents its argument (5-7 minutes)

*5-minute break to prepare questions*

#### Round 2

- Questions from debaters and audience (15-20 minutes)

*5-minute break to prepare closing statements*

#### Round 3

- Closing statements by con and pro sides, in that order (3 minutes each)
- Vote by instructors to determine winner

In preparation for the debate, each student should come to class with a typed page of arguments, half for the pro side, and half for the con side. Bring an extra copy to hand in to the instructors. At the start of class, we will randomly divide you into two teams. Each team will have ten minutes to prepare arguments, and to decide which team member will prepare opening and closing arguments. Everyone will participate equally in the q&a segment.

Each student will be graded individually on the quality of their written preparation and their in-class debate performance.

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