

# Debate is Fun and Good for You!

So you're interested in debate?  
Great! Awesome! Following are the  
top 10 reasons why you should join  
the debate club nearest you.

## 10. Working on a team



With debate, you will have the experience of working within a club, depending on your teammates, and on your partner. Excellent preparation for future jobs.

## 9. Looks great on college transcripts

Extracurricular activities are hugely important to some GPA. You have to prove things, crazy, but tournaments is an even



schools. It's not enough to have a 4.23 you can handle school in addition to other true. Debate fills that gap. And winning more impression notation.

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## 8. Taking notes

Another life skill is the whole business of taking notes. It's not always easy to isolate the main idea, write it down in minimal words (legibly), and be prepared to move on to the next sub-point or main idea. Note taking is truly an acquired skill, and yes, one that can be acquired through debating.

## 7. Organization

The debater learns quickly that a basic form of organization must be achieved before effective communication can take place. Therefore, we identify, refute, analyze, and impact even when we dream. Not only does debate teach verbal organization, but it teaches written organization which is amazingly helpful when writing essays or reports.



## 6. Research skills



Nothing teaches research better than academic debate. At the beginning of the season, you'll probably know nothing or next to nothing about the topic, but by the end of the month you'll be an expert. With Public Forum debate, the topic changes every two months in Michigan, and you'll be able to enhance your research skills throughout the debate season.

## 5. Self-confidence

Did you know the number 1 fear in America is the fear of public speaking? Death is number 2. This effectively means people would rather *die* than get up and talk in front of a group of their peers. Debate not only teaches students how to speak in

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public, but it teaches them how to be good at it.

## 4. Win more arguments

Yes, you too can finally win arguments. One of the fun things about debate is there is a declared winner-of-the-argument. After you join debate, you will find yourself winning arguments in debate rounds as well as winning them outside of debate rounds. It's fun to be right.

## 3. Prepares you for life



When people consider future professions for debaters, they tend to think *lawyer*, *politician*, *journalist*, and the like. But in actuality, debate will help you in any profession that involves talking, writing, or thinking in general. So unless you aspire to be a cucumber, debate will prepare you for life.

## 2. Meet people

Hundreds of middle school and high school students have joined debate already. This means that when you go to tournaments, you're going to meet quite a few of them. Debaters are wonderful people, we aren't just competitors, we're friends. Debate truly is a nationwide team of students all working together to further communication. My best friends and biggest voices of encouragement I've met through debate.



## 1. It's fun



Debate is **fun**. We joke around, laugh together, and share ideas with one another. Tournaments are **fun**. We encourage one another and in between rounds, practice catching goldfish crackers or spinning in circles. Some parts of debate are more fun than others, but overall, it's a delicious experience. I can count on one hand the people I know who tried debate and honestly just didn't enjoy it. Hundreds of students have tried debate and loved it. Try it out. What have you got to lose?