

Election Debate Analysis

Log in to *Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints* and then click on the link to access the [Topic Overview Article](#) over the presidential election prior to the assigned debate to review key developments in the election.

PRIOR TO THE DEBATE:

1. What is the date and time of the assigned debate?
2. What candidates are debating and what positions are they running for?
3. Prior to watching, what key issues do you think will come up during the debate?

DURING THE DEBATE:

As you watch the debate take notes on 3 issues that are brought up, what position each candidate takes, and the evidence they use to back up their position.

Issue:

Candidate _____ Position:

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Evidence:

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AFTER THE DEBATE:

Using the 3 issues that you tracked during the debate, use *Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints* to analyze, fact check, and reveal other arguments on the issue. (Hint: Start at topic overview pages for these issues if available)

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Why was this issue involved in the debate? Summarize what is currently happening in the United States involving this issue.

How did the two candidates' arguments differ?

What are the different perspectives outside of the candidates'?

Can you find facts to support the arguments of the candidates? What are they?

Are there any facts that seem to be incorrect used by the candidates?

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