

WELCOME TO THE THUNDERDOME!



THE RULES OF YOUR BATTLE:

- 1. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A STATEMENT. ONE TEAM WILL DEFEND THE STATEMENT (PRO TEAM), THE OTHER TEAM (ANTI) WILL OPPOSE IT. SIDES WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE FLIP OF A COIN.**
- 2. DURING THE DEBATE, YOU MUST USE ALL THREE TYPES OF RHETORICAL APPEALS: ETHOS, PATHOS, AND LOGOS TO EARN CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATING (AND TO HAVE *ANY* CHANCE TO SURVIVE).**
- 3. TEAM AUNTY ENTITY WILL DETERMINE THE SURVIVOR(S).**



THE FORMAT OF THE BATTLE

1. TIME FOR TEAMS TO DISCUSS AND DEVELOP STRATEGY (5 MINUTES)
2. OPENING STATEMENT FROM PRO TEAM (4 MINUTES)
3. OPENING/REBUTTAL STATEMENT FROM ANTI TEAM (4 MINUTES)
4. CLOSING STATEMENT FROM PRO TEAM (3 MINUTES)
5. CLOSING STATEMENT FROM ANTI TEAM (3 MINUTES)
6. JUDGMENT (2 MINUTES)



TIPS AND STRATEGIES

USE *ANY* TYPE OF RHETORICAL STYLE & TONE, BUT CONSIDER YOUR AUDIENCE!

YOU CAN “MAKE UP” SOME EVIDENCE, BUT IT MUST BE PLAUSIBLE!

USE ALL THREE TYPES OF APPEALS TO EARN CREDIT!

DON'T LOSE THE HIGH GROUND!

