

Name of Debater:






Date _____

Resolution:






Affirmative/Negative (circle one)

Name of Opponent:











Evaluation of Claim

				
<p>Unfounded</p> <p>Considering all of the evidence and the quality of that evidence, this claim has been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt to be untrue.</p>	<p>“Reasonable Doubt”</p> <p>Circumstantial or minor evidence does seem to support this claim, but not enough to make a decision. "Reasonable doubt" exists.</p>	<p>“Hung Jury”</p> <p>The evidence provided does support the claim, but there are still uncertainties as to whether that support really proves the claim is true. This rating is the result of a "hung jury."</p>	<p>Likely True</p> <p>There is room for interpretation or other possibility, but considering all of the evidence and the quality of that evidence, the claim is strongly supported and is most likely true and/or valid.</p>	<p>True and Valid</p> <p>Considering all the evidence and the quality of that evidence, it is quite obvious that this claim is true and valid.</p>

Quality of Evidence

				
<p>Facts, numerical data, or subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source is a personal Web site with no author stated or author is clearly not an expert in the subject matter. • Source is a tabloid newspaper or other non-reputable publication. • Information is clearly slanted to support the source's biased viewpoint. • Information is not accurate and conflicts with information found in more reputable sources. • Content is purely someone's personal opinion. 	<p>Facts, numerical data, or subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source is a Web site appears to be reputable, but their data does not include references to its original source. • Information is undated or outdated. • Some information may be missing or out of context. <p>Subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information appears to be slanted to support their biased viewpoint. • Some information is not accurate and may conflict with information found in more reputable sources. 	<p>Facts, numerical data, or subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source is a popular magazine, news article, or a reputable, educational Web site. • Some information is outdated. • Original source is stated. • Information appears complete. <p>Subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the source may have bias, the information doesn't appear to be distorted. • Information appears to be accurate. 	<p>Facts, numerical data, or subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source is a popular magazine, news article, or a reputable, educational Web site. • Web site. • Information is current. • Original source is stated. • Information is complete and thorough. <p>Subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information is objective and unbiased. • Information is accurate and verifiable. 	<p>Facts, numerical data, or subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source is a government or educational Web site or a publication known for its expertise (e.g., NASA) • Information is current. • Information is from the original source. • Information is complete and extensive. <p>Subjective opinion/policy information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information is clearly objective and unbiased. • Information is accurate and verifiable.

Strength of Evidence

					
Support of Claim	<p>Insignificant Support The evidence has little effect on the determination of whether the claim is true or valid.</p>	<p>Superficial Support The evidence seems to support the claim, but there are still significant uncertainties as to whether that support really proves the claim is true.</p>	<p>Helps Build a Case There are other pieces of evidence that are more critical to the case so this evidence is not terribly important, but it does help to build the case.</p>	<p>Important Support There is a small amount of room for interpretation or other variable, but basically the evidence is strong in its support of the claim.</p>	<p>Critical Support If the evidence is true, it makes a very strong case for the claim.</p>
					
Opposition of Claim	<p>Insignificant Opposition The evidence has little effect on the determination of whether the claim is not true or valid.</p>	<p>Superficial Opposition The evidence does seem to weaken the claim, but there are still significant uncertainties as to whether that opposition really proves the claim is false.</p>	<p>Helps Build a Case Against the Claim There are other pieces of evidence that come into play so this evidence is not terribly important, but it does help to build the case against the claim.</p>	<p>Important Opposition There is a small amount of room for interpretation or other variable, but basically the evidence is strong in its opposition of the claim.</p>	<p>Critical Opposition If the evidence is true, it makes a very strong case against the claim.</p>

Additional notes:

1 -2 -3 Cross-Examination Skills –

1 -2 -3 Organization –

1 -2 -3 Delivery/Professionalism-

1 -2 -3 Refutation-

