**English 1201: *The Giver* Debate**

Assigned Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As we all know, there are many sides to every story. For this project you will be assigned groups (based on interest where possible) in which you will be responsible for developing a pro or con argument on one of the four following topics. For every topic there will be a group assigned to present the pro argument and another group assigned to present the opposing argument in the form of a debate. You will be provided some class time to research and work with your groups to formulate your approach to your argument.

Topics:

1. Should we control our population/birthing rates to ensure ready access to needed resources?
2. Should we arrange marriages?
3. Should assisted suicide (euthanasia) in cases of terminal illness become an accepted practice?
4. Should educational programming be standardized for all students from kindergarten to grade 12?

Tasks to complete:

* Each group member must create a list of jot notes that supports your assigned side of the argument
* 3 group members will each be responsible for delivering one well-developed, **unique** piece of evidence (1 minute)
	+ Help each other with your arguments as they all contribute to the total group mark
* 1 group member will be responsible for preparing a counter argument to the opposing team’s argument (1 minute)
	+ In order to prepare for this rebuttal section, you need to try and anticipate what the opposing team’s main points will be so that you can refute them

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| **Content (Group mark)** | **Possible** **points** | **Points** | **Comments** |
| **Depth of Content** | 5 |  |  |
| **Quality of Sources of Information** | 5 |  |  |
| **Creativity of Arguments** | 5 |  |  |
| **Organization of arguments** | 5 |  |  |
| **Total** | 20 |  |  |

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| **Presentation**  | **Names:**  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Possible** **Points** | **Argument** **Support 1** | **Argument** **Support 2** | **Argument** **Support 3** | **Rebuttal** |
| **Volume and Pace** | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Expression and Eye Contact** | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Presence** | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Attentiveness** | 5 |  |  |  |  |
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**Mock Debate Link:**

**Jot Notes:**

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