Basic Debate : 4th Edition
Synopsis

Basic Debate is ideal for beginning debaters and has become a classic text that teaches the fundamentals - from the skills of analysis, research, logical reason, and argumentation to the techniques of cross-examination debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, and student congress. This text also features a chapter devoted to parliamentary procedure and appendices on competing in a debate tournament as well as the judging process.

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Customer Reviews

Focusing on the major types of debate that common for high school students, this book is designed to serve as a primer on debate, although it would be a useful resource for more experienced debaters also. The first several chapters deal with the building blocks for argumentation -- analysis, research and reasoning, with exercises and discussion topics included after each chapter. The authors then turn to a nuts-and-bolts coverage of the three most common types of debate -- Lincoln-Douglas Debate (where the debate centers on a value propositions); Two-man or policy debate (where the debate centers on a broad question of public policy, such as foreign trade or education reform); and Student Congress, or parliamentary debate (where the debate is conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order and the discussion centers on specific items of mock legislation). This nuts-and-bolts section covers the essential elements of a case, the relevant
burdens of proof and argumentation, and the particular skills that are so important to each type of
debate. The book seems to be designed for easy use as a textbook (a Teachers Guide is also
available from ), but it would work well as a resource for self-study, too.I was involved in competitive
Forensics through all of high school and college, both as a student and as a coach. Based on that
experience, it is even more obvious to me what a difficult undertaking the authors must have faced
when putting together this book. Debate is, after all, an activity that really can only be learned by
jumping in and doing it. This text is the perfect supplement to that type of a teaching program.
Students can get a quick handle on the fundamentals, start having debates, and then use the text
as a resource for lessons as those debates present them with problems. This book is an ideal
learning tool, with plenty of examples and exercises, and it is written in a straightforward, accessible
fashion.I have reviewed a number of these types of books, and Basic Debate may be the best
debate book available for teaching and coaching debate at the high school level

A very useful "nuts and bolts" book that could be successfully used in any classroom to teach the
fundamentals of beginning debate. It is not, however, a book for advanced debaters who would find
it simplistic and a "rehash" of already acquired skills.

This is a good resource for teachers of debate; however, I found it a little difficult for students to
understand without a lot of guidance from me. The language is a little technical, but for my use in
the classroom it was adequate.

This book does give a very brief view of argument structure, but the formats it teaches are outdated,
and it sat in the storage room on my campus. I didn’t see any reason to use it when there is a
wealth of free materials that are more applicable to what students do at competition.

It’s a textbook about debate. It’s about what you would expect: a little dry, but covers the basics
relatively well.

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