1. What is a Lincoln Douglas debate?

A LD debate is a one-on-one debate that argues about a value. It is about 45 minutes and includes cases, cross-examinations, and rebuttals.

2. What is the history of an LD debate? Who were the two presidents and what value was each one supporting?

LD started with the 1858 Illinois state election campaign between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas. Abraham was against slavery and Douglas argued for it, that it was up to the state itself as well as reminded the public that many important men of that time were slaveholders.

3. What is the format (times) and order of an LD debate?

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<td>Affirmative Constructive</td>
<td>6 min</td>
<td>Present the affirmative case</td>
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<td>Negative Cross-Examination</td>
<td>3 min</td>
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<td>Present the negative case and refute the affirmative case</td>
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<td>Refute the affirmative case, rebuild the negative case, and offer reasons that negative should win the round, commonly referred to as voting issues.</td>
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<td>Address negative voting issues and offer crystallization for why the affirmative should win</td>
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4. What is the name of an LD opening speech?

Affirmative constructive case.

5. What is a value and how is it used in the debate?

A value is the ultimate goal a debater should be striving for in his or her case.

6. What is “criteria” and how is used in the debate?

A specific mechanism to determine if the value is being achieved by either debater in the round; a lens.
7. What kind of evidence should be used in a LD debate and why?

Philosophical evidence should be used (from a philosopher) because for these types of debates your logical reasoning on how you achieve your value is more important than facts and statistics.

8. How does one know which words to define in a resolution?

Three to four words of the resolution should be defined. The major words that are descriptors or nouns that YOU feel have the most impact on the debate round are the words that should be defined.

9. What is a claim?

The conclusion of the argument; that statement which the advocate wished the audience to believe.

10. What is an impact?

Why someone should care about your claim and warrant; why it is important.

11. What is a warrant?

Reasons why the claim is true.

For the below resolutions, write an affirmative and then a negative value and criteria.

Resolved: Animal testing should be abolished.

Affirmative Value: animal cruelty prevention
Affirmative Criteria: abuse
Negative Value: medical advancements
Negative Criteria: prolonged life

Resolved: The U.S. government should regulate personal well-being.

Affirmative Value: equal opportunities for all
Affirmative Criteria: health benefits
Negative Value: freedom
Negative Criteria: rights infringement