*Of Mice and Men Debate*

*LI: learn to rigorously debate an issue*

**Debate topics:**

1. George should not have killed Lennie
2. Curley’s wife was trouble.
3. Carlson was correct in thinking that it’s every man for themselves.
4. Lennie was a violent man.
5. Curley’s wife is to be pitied.
6. There are no positive messages to be had from this book.

Steps:

1. **Form even teams** of 2, 4 or 6, select a topic, then divide your team into Affirmative and Negative teams and decide on your order of speakers – who will be first, second, third speaker?
2. **Brainstorm** ideas, group similar ideas together and divide up your ideas between the speakers on your team. Use your exercise books or laptops for this.
3. **Begin to elaborate** **on each idea**. Give examples, quotes from the book. Extend your ideas to the real world, make comparisons, go for big ideas as much as statistics, facts, reasons. Use your exercise books or laptops for this.
4. **Organise your ideas** into a basic shape, including opening statements, series of points, and concluding statements.
5. **Time your draft**, ensure it goes for at least 90 seconds.
6. **Cue Cards:** Develop your notes into dot points on your cue cards.
7. **Rebuttal**: Brainstorm possible opposing arguments and consider rebuttal arguments.

Then let the debating begin!