Skips Five Fundamental Foundations of Debate.  
(or Debate on a Page)

DEBATE:  Debate should be Focused Clash on the Resolution.

THE RESOLUTION:  The Resolution is an argumentative statement that fairly divides ground between the affirmative and the negative.

THE AFFIRMATIVE:  The affirmative has the burden of Proof. They must prove that the resolution is reasonably true.  
(So in a tie, negative is presumed to be correct and victorious – called Presumption.)

THE CASE:  The Case should be a fair test of the validity of the Resolution.  
(if case is true, a reasonable judge should be able to determine that by extension the resolution must be true.)

THE NEGATIVE:  The negative team has the burden of rejoinder or refutation.  
(assuming that case is a fair and reasonable test of the resolution, they need to refute case or have the option of disproving the resolution as a whole)

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Four Point Refutation System

1. Location  Tell me what they said and where that appears on the flow

2. Label  Give me a 2-3 word directional tag line for your argument, that I will flow

3. Logic  Here you explain, support and give warrants (reasons) and data (evidence)

4. Lowdown  Or Bottom Line – Impact the argument.

Abbreviated Toulmin Layout of an argument

1. Claim  The main statement

2. Warrant  The reason or reasons to believe that the statement is true

3. Data  The evidence that proves that the claim is true, supporting the warrant.