



# TEACHERS!

## Why not try DEBATE!

Are you looking for a fun and engaging activity to get students public speaking, thinking critically and expressing themselves?

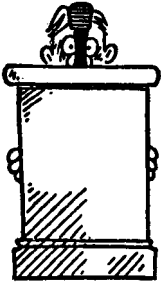
Visit [www.saskdebate.com](http://www.saskdebate.com) or email [info@saskdebate.com](mailto:info@saskdebate.com) for more details and registration forms to the fall workshops:

• Regina - September 17, 2011 / Saskatoon - October 1, 2011

Any teacher, staff or parent-coach is welcome, with or without students from Gr. 5 to 12

**Can't make one of our workshop dates?**

**Contact SEDA to arrange for a free in-class workshop for your school!**



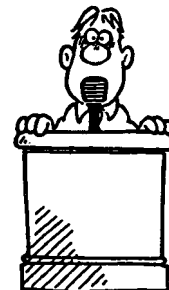
### What is Debate?

- ❖ a structured discussion with two teams of variable formality
- ❖ endless variations from two students to the entire class
- ❖ topics can coincide with your units and themes
- ❖ affirmative supports the resolution; the Negative opposes it
- ❖ students research, gather evidence, analyze propositions, formulate solutions
- ❖ debaters critically examine arguments and clash ideas

### Classroom / Group Debate

Debate is an excellent teaching tool that:

- ❖ is suited to the student-centered classroom
- ❖ assists students to deal with sensitive issues
- ❖ encourages personal development and self-expression
- ❖ creates thought about social values
- ❖ develops judgment-making skills
- ❖ is a constructive method of dealing with conflict
- ❖ encourages respect for differing views
- ❖ creates empowered, critical citizens



### Debate is well suited to subjects like...

English/Language	Arts / Ethics
Native Studies	Science
Social Studies	History

## Extra-Curricular Debate - Getting Started!

- Tell your students about the Regina and Saskatoon City-wide club meetings (see web for details)
- Have a display on club days
- Take students & "coaches" to workshops
- Arrange demo debates at pep rallies
- Invite SEDA staff to run free in-class workshops for your school
- Set up debate as an intramural activity
- Start a debate club & offer extra credit to club members
- Visit web site for free materials
  - Training manuals & research packages
  - Schedule of events
- Borrow or purchase debates on DVD
- Register as an official member & attend tournaments & other events
- Create a community for the creative & talkative and shy & studious!
- Invite SEDA to PD/in-service days



### For more information, contact: Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association

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