

Name: _____ Date of Debate: _____ Period: _____



Presidential Debate Evaluation:



BEFORE THE DEBATE:

What was the criteria for being included in this debate?

Who were the candidates that participated in the debate?

Who was the moderator? What was his or her qualification for moderating the debate?

What issue do you most want the candidates to address during the debate?

AS YOU WATCH THE DEBATE:

What stood out for you during each candidates opening remarks:

What foreign policy issues were the candidates asked about? What answers made the most sense to you?

What domestic policy issues were the candidates asked about? What answers made the most sense to you?

Was there a question that you wanted the candidates to go into more detail on, or that you felt their answer was too simplistic on?

Was there a question that you strongly agreed with a candidate on?

Was there a question that you strongly disagreed with a candidate on?

Which candidate seems more knowledgeable about the issues? Explain:

Which candidate seems better able to handle difficult questions? Explain:

Which candidate seems cooler and more relaxed? Explain:

AFTER THE DEBATE:

Do you think each candidate was fair to the other(s)? Give examples:

Do you think the moderator was fair to the candidates? Did they keep the candidates focused on the questions, or did they allow the candidates to get off topic or go past the allowed time?

What moment seemed like the "turning point" of the debate? Why?

What surprised you most during the debate?

Regardless of who you might favor, which candidate do you think had a better debate performance? Explain your answer.