Debate I/II/III/IV
Syllabus 2016–2017

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*THIS IS AN ELECTIVE COURSE*

COURSE OBJECTIVES.
Controversial issues arise in aspects of personal, social public, and professional life in modern society. Debate and argumentation are widely used to make decisions and reduce conflict. Students who develop skills in argumentation and debate become interested in current issues, develop sound critical thinking, and sharpen communication skills. They acquire life-long skills for intelligently approaching controversial issues.

EXPECTATIONS.
I expect each of you to give 100% in everything you do in this class. Attempt and effort are extremely important! I expect each student to help create a POSITIVE learning environment each day. Tournament participation is encouraged to enhance the work we do in class.

HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK.
- In general, students spend a significant portion of the class period working. Any assigned work not completed in class should be finished at home.
- Complete assignments and projects on time. Late work will be followed according to the Midway High School policies in the Student Handbook.

GRADING SCALE.
Practice Towards Learning – 30%
Application of Learning – 30%
Evaluation of Learning – 40%