**Debate**

* You need to pick a trusted partner.
* You need to pick a light hearted topic that the two of you can debate about – meaning, you need to be on opposite sides of the issue.
* Before the debate:
* You need to come up with 15 arguments supporting your side of the issue.
* You need to come up with 4 questions that counterpoint their argument.

For example:

If the topic is – The Yankees are better than the Twins and I was the affirmative I would start with that the Yankees have won 27 World Series. How many have the Twins won?

I would do on to say that the Yankees had Babe Ruth – one of the best baseball players of all time.

And so on….

If I am trying to defend the Yankees during my questions and the other person said something like, “Well, they suck”…. I can ask them, how can they suck if they have won 27 World Series titles?

Make sure your thoughts are well thought out, intelligent, etc.

The format:

Affirmative speaks for 1 minute

Negative questions for 1 minute

Negative speaks for 1 minute

Affirmative questions for 1 minute

Affirmative closes for 30 seconds

Negative closes for 30 seconds