

The Debaters: Earthquakes vs. Volcanoes

You and your partner will be part of a larger group to argue whether earthquakes are better than volcanoes. Facts are good, but funny is better! Your teacher and any other adults will be judging the debate! Even if you don't take part in the debate, you can take notes or jot ideas to help with the next round. The idea here is to improvise, and be absurd!

Be it resolved that earthquakes are the more impressive natural disaster.

Circle your team:

For Earthquakes

For Volcanoes

Opening Rant (2 minutes long)

Led by: _____

A quick explanation as to why you think your subject is the best. Consider: numbers around the world; destruction; after-effects; anything that says "we're the best!"

Bare Knuckle Round (2 minutes long)

Led by: _____

You spar with your opponent. Pick apart what was said in the Opening Rant and what they say now. You can ask questions, too! Take notes during the Opening Rant.

Firing Line (2 minutes long)

Led by: _____

Jot down answers to the following questions. Try to be factual, and funny!

1. Earthquakes are caused by what process?

2. Volcanoes are known to prefer which continent?

3. If a volcano and an earthquake were in a cage fight, who would win?

4. What different types of volcanoes are there?

Last Laugh (1 minute long)

Led by: _____

Summary of your most powerful points; try to end on a humorous note!

