**21st century Debates**

**Chapter 33: Nuclear issues in history & the 21st century**

America should sign a no first use pledge.

America’s use of nuclear weapons in WW II was justified.

The possession of wmds is immoral.

The United States should intervene in the domestic affairs of other nations to prevent the acquisition of nuclear weapons.

**Human Rights issues in the 21st century**

America should have intervened in Rwanda.

The internment of Japanese nations during WW II was justified.

American companies who trade abroad should be made responsible for ensuring the human rights of all their workers.

We should be prepared to give up some human rights to protect democracy from terror.

**The Environment in the 21st century**

Globalization has done more harm than good in the developing world

Global warming is the greatest threat facing the world today.

Genetically modified crops should be banned.

**Procedure**

1. Pick an area of greatest concern to the group.
2. Pick a specific resolution
3. Research the topic, decide who will debate each side of the resolution
4. Prepare opening speech
5. Support materials

**Structure**

Opening speech PRO 2 minutes Opening speech CON 2 minutes

*3 minutes team preparation time*

Rebuttal speech PRO 2 minutes Rebuttal speech CON 2 minutes

*3 minutes team preparation time*

Pro final appeal 2 minutes CON final appeal 2 minutes

Audience vote Parliamentary style! Audience members will write a “ballot” for why they voted the way they did. Schedule for presentations will be determined in class.