

PARACHUTE DEBATE

SECONDARY
SOCIAL STUDIES/ELA



EPIC PBL

Project Overview

Project Name:

Parachute Debate Project

Project Details:

Grade Level	Subject Area(s)	Duration	Unit
6-10	Social Studies ELA	4 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">World LeadersPersuasive Writing

Project Idea

Scenario: The world has come to an end, leaving only a few people to help rebuild it. The brightest minds in history are aboard an airplane flying over the ruins. Suddenly the engine fails, and the plane begins to fall. There is only one parachute on the plane. Who should get to use the parachute, and lead the rebuilding of civilization?

Students engage in bracket-style debate to determine the greatest leader in history.

Winners of each debate face other winners. Losing teams join winning teams as researchers.

Driving Question

What makes a great leader?

Content Standards

- Argumentative writing
 - Presenting claims
 - Developing counterclaims
- Research
- Presentation of ideas
- Understanding global perspectives
- World events and leaders



Final Product

Bracket-style debate



Entry Event

[Introduction Video](#)



Resources

- Internet access for research
- Notecards
- [Debate evaluation form](#)
- [Project Outline](#)



Formative Assessments

- Mini-debate exercise
- Research outline
- CRAAP Test



Summative Assessments

- Argumentative essay
- Debate



Activity Ideas

- [CRAAP Test Exercise](#)
- [Mini Debate](#)
- List traits of a great leader