

Name _____

Speech Showdown

Directions: You will participate in a structured class debate. Decide your stance:

- **YES** - The Gettysburg Address is the most important speech in U.S. history.
- **NO** - Another U.S. speech has had a bigger impact.

Use the organizer below to prepare strong and respectful arguments with evidence.



Part of Argument	My Notes (Complete Before Debate)
Claim: What is your position?	
Three Supporting Points: (Facts, examples, or quotes)	1.
	2.
	3.
Counterpoint to Opposing Side:	
Rebuttal (How you respond):	
Closing Statement: Short, powerful conclusion	

After the Debate: Reflection

1. What was the strongest argument made by your side? Why?
2. What was the strongest argument from the other side? Why?
3. Did the debate change your thinking? Explain.