

**Middle School Immigration Debates Implementation Plan**

**Debatable Issue: The United States should substantially reduce immigration.**

**Week 9 (10/31 – 11/4)**

Overview of the unit and the Micro-Macro Debates format.

Introduce the issue of immigration and present the debatable issue.

Show opening videos and provide readings with argument-based questions.

Show history of immigration videos and conduct teacher-guided discussion.

**Week 10 (11/7 – 11/11)**

Implement an Immigration Vocabulary Crowd-Sourcing Activity

Conduct Argument Analyzer Activity

Overview of the Micro-Macro Debates format.

Introduce micro-debates sub-issues.

Assign sides in the debates and introduce micro-debates sub-issues.

Establish students’ micro-debates sub-issues.

Begin brainstorming claims.

**Day 11 (11/14 – 11/18)**

Read a set of articles from the Media List.

Implement guided-reflection questions on articles set.

Discuss how the articles can be used to build arguments.

Distribute argument builder and counter-argument builder forms.

Model argument builder and counter-argument builders.

**Day 12 (11/21 – 11/23 Thanksgiving Week)**

Meet as a grade-level team.

Review argument builders and counter-argument builders.

Continue working on Media List articles research and guided reflection.

**Week 13 (11/28 – 12/2)**

Work on and complete argument builders and counter-argument builders.

Showcase and analyze student work samples.

Collect argument builders and counter-argument builders.

**Week 14 (12/5 – 12/9)**

Return argument builders and counter-argument builders, with feedback.

Present analytics to students.

Supervise revision of argument builders and counter-argument builders.

Review Micro-Macro Debates format.

Orient students on Micro-Macro Debates tracking form.

**Week 15 (12/12 – 12/16)**

Present Micro-Macro Debates teaching demo.

Conduct Micro-Macro Debates – Practice (with feedback)

Conduct Micro-Macro Debates – Round 1

Conduct Micro-Macro Debates – Round 2 (inter-class)

Organize final feedback and preparations.

Conduct Final Round of Micro-Macro Debates

Collect and assess flow sheets.

**Week 16 (12/19 – 12/23)**

Undertake final de-brief on the unit.