

Opium Trade Debate Student Worksheet

Use the assigned readings to answer the following questions from your assigned perspective in the Opium Trade debate. Record your answers to each question (one-to-two paragraphs is enough) below. Be detailed in their written responses; you will be speaking from this worksheet during the debate.

1. What are the best arguments for your side in the Opium Trade? Explain each briefly. You may want to add brief quotes from the readings that capture the essence of the argument.
2. What ideals and values does your country promote that will be affected by the tensions that presently exist? Briefly describe and be prepared to defend your views in the class debate.
3. What is the best argument for the other side and what do you think is their hidden agenda or real motives?
4. What similarities do you see between the drug war in China in the 19th century and ours today?