

## CHAPTER

**18**

## DEBATE

**IDENTIFYING DEBATE  
PROPOSITIONS ACCORDING TO  
PURPOSE**

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**DIRECTIONS:** Read the debate propositions below and identify the purpose of each. Label each proposition as one of fact (*F*), belief (*B*), or policy (*P*). Write your answer on the line provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. High-school graduates should be computer literate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Asbestos used in building construction endangers the health of those who use the building.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. John Mathews is the best candidate for president of the council.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Competent paramedic teams help to save lives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The South High team plays soccer better than the North High team.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Every United States citizen should be required to give two years of service to the country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A community program for disease immunization is vital in controlling communicable diseases.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. High-school students should enroll in eight semesters of physical education.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A news reporter should divulge sources to law officials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Homework provides valuable learning experience for freshmen.

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## DEBATE PROPOSITIONS

Identify which of the following propositions are propositions of fact, propositions of value, and propositions of policy. Place an "F," "V," or "P" in the space to the left.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Resolved: That Americans drive more imported cars than American-made cars.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Resolved: That the United States should provide a guaranteed annual income for all citizens.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Resolved: The enlistments in the armed forces are decreasing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Resolved: That the federal government should take measurements to guarantee the United States' military superiority.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Resolved: That infant mortality is highest among the poor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Resolved: That high medical costs create needless death and suffering.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Resolved: That reading skills in elementary and secondary schools are declining.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Resolved: That three years of physical education are not necessary for a well-rounded education.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Resolved: That the United States' balance of trade deficit is continuing to rise.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Resolved: That the United States should significantly change its foreign trade policies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Resolved: That a judge is better qualified to render a verdict than a jury of one's peers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Resolved: That the jury system should be abolished.