

LUMNI'S DEBATING SOCIETY



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**Essential to any democracy,
allows opinions to be voiced**



Famous debates in literature:

12th/13th century: first comic poem
written in Middle English: The Owl and the
Nightingale

16th/17th century: W. Shakespeare's
plays: Much Ado About Nothing



Famous debates in politics:

1858 Douglas v. Lincoln debates
1960 Kennedy v. Nixon debate

What's debating?





Let's ask a professional

- Alastair Lukies;
- Founder of Monitise plc, CEO of Pollinate Networks;
- Chairman of Innovate Finance;
- Prime Minister's Business Ambassador for FinTech



Video Alastair Lukies



To win a debate, you need to:

- Do research & believe in yourself
 - Tell listeners your argument
 - Have 3 key points
 - Listen to the opposition
 - Enjoy debating
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**Recap on
Mr. Lukies'
strategies**



Alastair Lukies on music





Role of anthems



To rally around the flag



A sense of belonging



God save the Queen

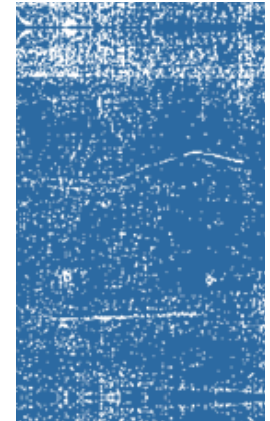
**Music
bringing
people
together**

*Crédits. God Save the Queen, the
British national anthem*



God save the Queen v. Anarchy in the UK

- British royal and national anthem
- 1970s Sex pistols' version
- Contesting the Establishment



Crédits. Sex Pistols performing *God Save the Queen*, © Universal Music Operations Ltd.



Let's brainstorm - video



Let's brainstorm

First ideas (positive)

- Travis Scott's concert online
- Jazz music and the African-American community
- Festivals : Woodstock and Coachella

Second ideas (to balance your point)

- Isolation with headphones
- Punk movement = a divided population
- Different music styles = different social groups
- Escape from reality = isolation





We shall overcome



Black American gospel in the USA



Anthem of the civil rights: Joan Baez at Woodstock and Washington D.C.



Imagine by John Lennon



Protest song: against the war in Vietnam

Crédits. Joan Baez performing *We Shall Overcome*, © Hamilton, Carawan, Seeger, Horton

Music to contest

Crédits. John Lennon performing *Imagine* © John Lennon





Live Aid: charity concert for famine in Africa



Helping people in need



Lockdown concerts



Feel closer despite the distance

Music to bring people together



Tools for debating



Your tools

Useful expressions to concede:

It's true that...

As you said...

I couldn't agree more...

Maybe you're right when you say...

Useful expressions to oppose:

However,

Yet,

But,

I really want to insist on...

I would beg to differ...

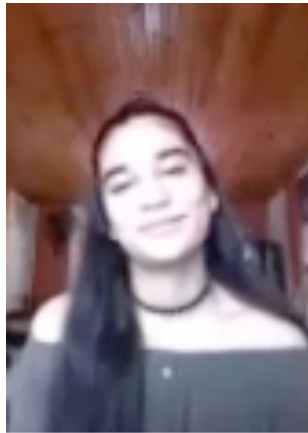


“Do you think music brings people together?”

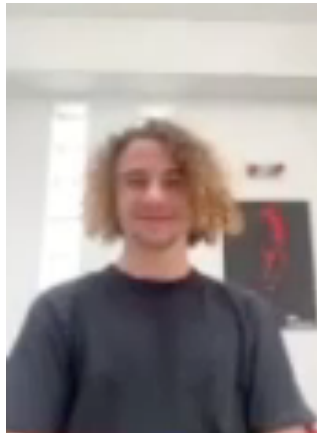
TIME TO DEBATE!

LUMNI'S DEBATING SOCIETY MEMBERS

TEAM 1



Sajal

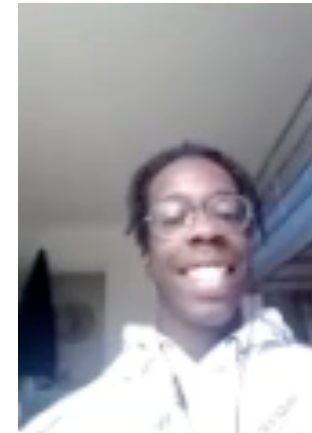


Hippolyte

TEAM 2



Sarah



Jonathan



Debate





Be convincing



Build your argument



Anticipate objections



Respect your opponent(s)

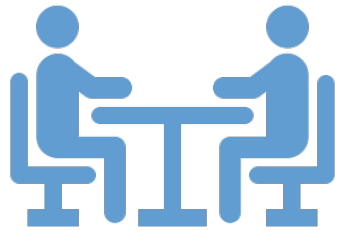


Enjoy yourself

Recap



After-class challenge



Practice your debating skills



Listen to protest songs
and charity concerts



Jonathan's musical surprise



Thank you very much



KEEP CALM AND WASH
YOUR HANDS



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
AND SPEAK ENGLISH

