

Wind farms debate

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What do you think of wind farms? Are you for or against it?

Whichever one you chose, why do you think that?

Today in 6th grade, we turned our science room into a debating room where all ideas and opinions were heard!

What we did

First, we gathered up all types of info, good and bad. We did this by watching documentaries about wind farms. Then, Ms. Stumme gave us groups to debate in. I was for (positive) wind farms, we didn't get to choose our groups, so you had to have enough info for both topics.

Let's prepare

Once we all got into our groups, Ms. Stumme gave all of us a paper to help us prepare. The paper had all of the different jobs and we had to write for our job.

Jobs

Everyone had a job. I took the role of the **rebutter**. One job was the **opener**. The opener would open up the debate with what you are going to be talking about, and a few facts. Another job was the **cross question**, which basically stated a solution to the other groups problem, for example, if the against group was saying that wind farms are a problem because they kill a lot of birds, then there job would be to find a comeback for it. Another Job was the **rebutter** (the one I got), which states more facts, and just the reason you believe that wind farms are a good or bad idea. Then, there was the **closing statement**, to end the presentation in a way that will keep people thinking.

How did it happen

Each person had 3 minutes to talk, and no one could interrupt any of them or talk until the 3 minutes were done. The only time more than one person were allowed to talk was when the cross questions were happening. You were allowed to talk and give your opinion.

Opinion on that type of learning

I think that this type of learning is good, because we get to see everyone's opinion and why everyone thinks that, which is the most important part of learning in my opinion: the how, and the why you think that. Also it was a way of learning that got to see both sides of the story, and you hardly ever get that.

After hearing the other opinions, what do you think

After hearing the other sides opinion, I kind of agreed with them because there was one part of the debate were a person from the against side, said that maybe water turbines could be better than wind turbines, because wind turbines only work with wind, and if one day there's no wind, then theres no electricity, so it won't be accurate. But if we use water turbines, then there will always be energy because there is water all around us.