

## Ancients vs Moderns

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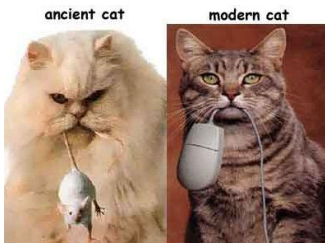
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## Slight Detour: The Great ANCIENTS vs MODERNS DEBATE



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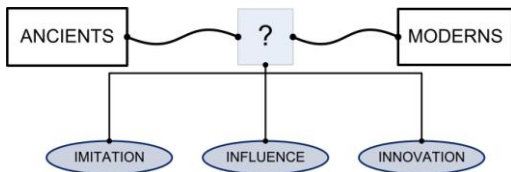
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## ANCIENTS vs MODERNS DEBATE



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### ANCIENTS vs MODERNS

- NEO-CLASSICISM/AUGUSTANISM
  - ANCIENTS as standard of quality;
  - PRESCRIPTIVE: Horace;
  - Critique of SUPERFICIALITY of modern life;
  - WIT that reflected refined sensibility and acute observation.

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### ANCIENTS vs MODERNS

- PROGRESSIVISTS
  - INNOVATION;
  - In the “MOMENT”;
  - CUMULATIVE KNOWLEDGE
  - VERNACULAR.

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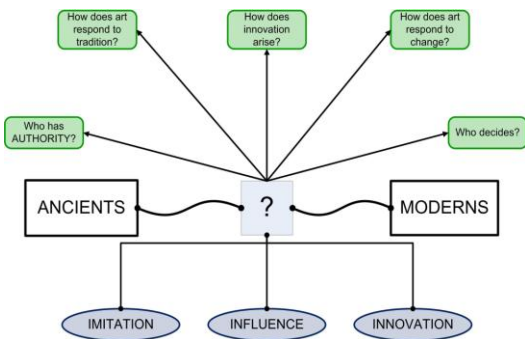
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## THE DEBATE RESOLUTION

- Be it resolved that, because tradition is more important to the development of a strong literary canon than innovation, the ancients are more significant than the moderns.

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## THE CONTENDAHS

IN THIS CORNAH...

arguing FOR THE RESOLUTION



THE ANCIENTS!!!



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## THE CONTENDAHS

THE MODERNS!!!



IN THIS CORNAH...

arguing AGAINST THE RESOLUTION



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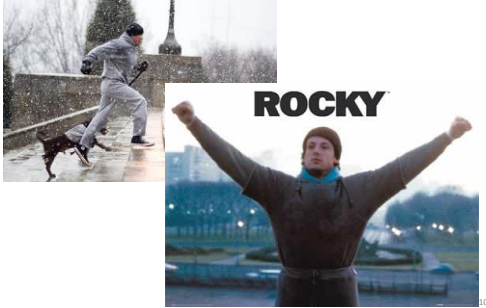
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## PREPARATIONS & TRAINING REGIME



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## TRAINING REGIME

- FOR YOUR OWN ARGUMENT you will
  - Scour the readings in the course to date;
  - CHOOSE one point from the readings to support your team's cause and WRITE it out;
  - IDENTIFY on OBJECTION the other side will likely have to counter your point;
  - COMPOSE a counter-response to that objection.

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## THE PREP

- TO DESTROY YOUR OPPONENTS you will also
  - IDENTIFY one point you think THEY will make to support THEIR OWN argument;
  - WRITE a rebuttal of that anticipated point.

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## THE PREP

- NEXT DAY YOU WILL
  - SIT on the side of the room with the rest of your team
  - GROUP PREP: 20 minutes
    - PAIRS: 5 min
    - FOURS: 5 min
    - EIGHTS: 5 min
    - GROUP (designates): 5 min

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## THE MATCH

- GROUP PREP CONTINUED
  - Each group of 8 will choose a DESIGNATE to meet with the other group designates for your side of the debate.
  - The designates will CHOOSE
    - FOUR points that they think will make the best argument for their side;
    - FOUR rebuttals that they think will be most useful to counter the other side;
    - The ORDER your group will make their points.

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## THE MATCH




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## THE MATCH

- THE MODERATOR WILL FLIP A COIN TO SEE WHICH SIDE GOES FIRST
  - MAKE YOUR FIRST POINT
  - THE OTHER TEAM WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO REBUT
  - YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DEFEND
  - CONTINUE ALTERNATING SIDES UNTIL WE RUN OUT OF TIME OR POINTS

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