**AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION**

**2012 DEBATE RESOLUTIONS**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Below are the seven resolutions for the debates plus an optional “practice topic” that you may volunteer to prepare for if you would like to practice debating before your graded debate. If you are assigned to argue the Affirmative, your job is to support the resolution. If you are assigned to argue the Negative, your job is to refute the resolution.

*(NOTE: The resolutions below are for the debates ONLY. While the impromptus you will write in class will be based on the same sources and therefore be on the same topic, the essay prompts will NOT necessarily be the same as the resolutions!)*

**Debate 1: Grading In School**

Resolved: Grades in academic classes should be based solely on mastery of the course content.

**Debate 2: Fat Tax**

Resolved: Junk food should be taxed.

**Debate 3: Traditional vs. Non-traditional College Options**

Resolved: A traditional bachelor’s degree from a university is still the best avenue to economic security.

**Debate 4: Drug Testing Welfare Recipients**

Resolved: Those applying for Welfare should be required to pass drug tests in order to receive financial help.

**Debate 5: Alternative Energy**

Resolved: The state of Michigan should invest in wind farm technology.

**Debate 6: Gun Control**

Resolved: The federal government should ban assault-style weapons and high capacity magazines.

**Debate 7: Women in the Military**

Resolved: The US military should open all combat roles to women.

**Practice Debate: Cats**

Resolved: Cats are evil.