

To promote the growth of debate, IDEA has undertaken a variety of initiatives. It has produced training videos and materials. It has established centers around the world to provide access to research materials, the Internet, and photocopiers. It has created debate listservs and a Website (www.idebate.org) to offer access to curricula and links to libraries and free media. It also publishes a magazine, *IDEBATE*, that offers additional training materials and acts as a forum for students and teachers to exchange ideas, and an academic journal, *Controversia*. It has established a press that publishes books on debate and curriculum development, as well as sourcebooks on controversial issues. Finally, it has produced this textbook, which is intended to introduce concepts of argumentation, explain methods of argument construction, and provide a practical guide to debate for participants and organizers.