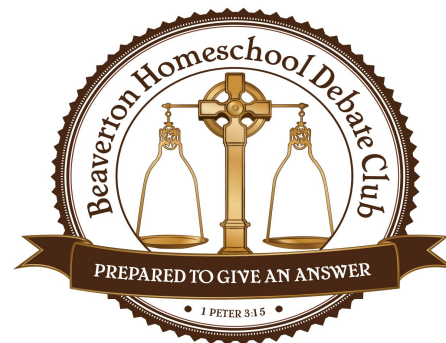


## Beaverton Homeschool Debate Club

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### Suggested Reading For Optional Credit Units

It generally takes at least 2 years of debate club participation to gather optional unit credits through supplemental reading, student written feedback, and unit specific cumulative research time. Please see Mrs. Arp for more details or if you have questions.

For tracking unit credits, our club uses the Basic Skills assessment of 108 sixty minute hours = 1 credit; 54 sixty minute hours = ½ credit.

Balance how many books read vs. unit specific research time. Track how long it took you to read the book and then respond either by test or essay if you are reading the short pamphlets as single items.

Reading more means less time tracking needed from research alone. Suggested books add depth and breadth for debate skills and are strongly recommended for both debate and unit thread understanding.

### The following are possible combinations and credit suggestions (as assessed with Mr. Bumcrot at Basic Skills):

#### Intro to Logic (Fallacies) Unit Option ½ credit (Teacher has a final exam for credit completion)

*The Fallacy Detective* by Hans Bluedorn (used in Theory Class as a logic supplement)

*The Thinking Toolbox* by Hans Bluedorn (used in Theory Class as a logic supplement)

#### Government Unit Option ½ credit

*Government 101* by Petrisin (short federal government primer, included in Theory Class)

*Keys to Good Government* booklet by David Barton --or-- *The Law*, booklet by Frederic Bastiat

*Land of Fair Play* and/or *The Story of the Constitution* by Christian Liberty Press (1 credit if both read)

Optional (substitute complete Carson book for above, or pull chapters to use with CLEP for college credit):

*Basic American Government* by Clarence Carson (Supreme Court chapters for Christian perspective for CLEP)

*American Government CLEP* by Research Education Associates (usually 3 credits CLEP, ask college)

#### Economics Unit Option ½ credit

*Free Enterprise Economics* by Tom Rose (short pamphlet included in Theory Class)

*How We Live Economic Wisdom Simplified*, small booklet by Fred G. Clark

*Whatever Happened to Penny Candy* by Richard Mayberry

*Economics in One Lesson* by Henry Hazlitt

#### Philosophy/Christian Worldview Option ½ credit

*Understanding the Times* by David Noebel (Economics, Politics, Law, Philosophy and Ethics sections)

*How Should We Then Live?* by Francis Schaeffer

Optional: *Why You Think the Way You Do* by Glenn Sunshine (should be read with parent, further depth)

Optional: *The Universe Next Door* by James W. Shire (further depth)

NOTE: See Exodus Books (<http://exodusbooks.com>) and search for Mrs. Arp's "Intro to Policy Debate" book bundle to read her reviews and receive bundled savings from Exodus for all books purchased for debate class units (if purchased together and Mrs. Arp referral noted)  
Credit suggestions reviewed by Basic Skills.