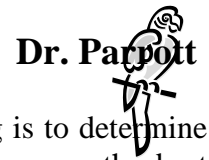


## Battle of the Inverts: a Debate of Animalistic Proportions



There is a town meeting and all the invertebrate animals are invited. The town meeting is to determine which phylum of invertebrates should get to hold the positions of power because they are the best invertebrate animal phylum. The phyla participating in the town meetings are: porifera, cnidaria, platyhelminthes, nematoda, annelida, arthropoda, echinodermata and molluska. You will be randomly selected to represent an animal phylum with 2 or 3 other individuals.

Each individual must turn in a written outline of the following points:

10 reasons why your phylum is better than any other invertebrate phylum (10 points)

2 reasons why each of the other phyla should **not** be considered the best phylum (14 points)

6 reasons to rebut the reasons given by other phyla why your phylum should not be considered the best (6pts)

Each Group will get to present their points (for about 3 minutes—5 points) at the town meeting and the town will vote—based on quality of presented points—which animal invertebrate phylum is best to run the town. (bonus points to top 3 scoring groups)

Groups may want to bring props, create songs/jingles, do dances to illustrate why their phylum is most important and should be voted into power.

Invertebrate Animal Debate  
My Phylum \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10 Neat & Interesting Advantages about my animal phylum

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

2 Disadvantages about **each** of the **other** invertebrate animal Phyla

	<b>Porifera</b>	<b>Cnidaria</b>	<b>Platyhelminthes</b>	<b>Nematoda</b>	<b>Molluska</b>	<b>Arthropoda</b>	<b>Annelida</b>	<b>Echinodermata</b>
Disad. 1								
Disad. 2								

6 Rebuttals for possible disadvantages of your phyla as indicated by other phyla.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.