

PMRC Debate Activity

Imagine that it is 1985. There is no internet and albums must be purchased in physical form. Some album inserts contain lyrics but not all of them do. Heavy metal is both popular and controversial, and this is concerning to parents.

Half of the class will argue in favor of the parental advisory system and half will be opposed. Each group will craft a brief (approximately 1 page) statement regarding their position using information contained in the following items as evidence.

1. **Evidence packet:** Contains a selection of testimony, articles, and evidence from the 1985 Senate hearing.
2. **[Complete transcript](#):** Contains all available testimony and evidence from the senate hearing. Feel free to use this resource if you need more information to support your argument.

After each group reads their statement, each side may respond or ask questions to open the debate.