

Forum Instructions

Christian Views of Creation

1. The class will be divided into four teams, each to present one of the positions below:
 - Creation happened *billions* of years ago.
 - Creation happened *thousands* of years ago.
 - God used natural processes to make entirely new kinds of living things from previously existing kinds (i.e., macroevolution happens).
 - God did not use natural processes to make entirely new kinds of living things from previously existing kinds (i.e., macroevolution does not happen).
2. The forum on the creation date will happen during one class session and the forum on macroevolution during the next class session.
3. You may prepare graphics to show during your presentation if you wish. This is not required.
4. All students in a group must speak for more or less equal amounts of time.
5. It is appropriate in any discussion to present your position with conviction. You should be firm in your presentation but conduct yourself in a way that demonstrates respect for everyone involved.
6. Each forum will follow the agenda below. A coin will be flipped to determine which group is A and which is B. Notice that Group A has the first word and Group B the last word.

10 min: Group A: The strengths of our view (biblical and/or scientific evidence that supports it best and how this view promotes love of God and neighbor)

2 min: Group A: The weaknesses of our view (things this view cannot explain easily and how this view can fail to promote love of God and neighbor)

3 min: Group B: Things that would strengthen Group A's view and also what might be lost (negative impacts on people) if Group A's view "wins" one day

10 min: Group B: The strengths of our view (biblical and/or scientific evidence that supports it best and how this view promotes love of God and neighbor)

2 min: Group B: The weaknesses of our view (things this view cannot explain easily and how this view can fail to promote love of God and neighbor)

3 min: Group A: Things that would strengthen Group B's view and also what might be lost (negative impacts on people) if Group B's view "wins" one day

Selected Websites

Christian Perspectives on How and When God Created

Young-Earth Creation

Answers in Genesis (answersingenesis.org)

Institute for Creation Research (icr.org)

Old-Earth Creation

Reasons to Believe (reasons.org)

Evolutionary Creation

BioLogos (biologos.org)

American Scientific Affiliation (asa3.org) (This site allows for all three Christian views, although EC is the most prominent and OEC is the next most prominent)