**SAMPLE FULL SENTENCE DEBATE CASE**

**Introduction:**

**Thesis:** I fully concur with the resolution Resolved: The United States Federal Government ought to pay reparations to African Americans.

**Preview:** African Americans deserve to be payed monetary reparations by the United States government due to the fact that 1) racism has effectively caused African Americans to fall behind in education, 2) racist employers are inhibiting African Americans from getting jobs, and 3) poverty-stricken communities with a majority of African Americans need the financial assistance to succeed in American society.

1. **Contention/Claim:** Racism has caused African American children in school to fall behind greatly concerning grades compared to their white peers.
   1. Evidence: By 12th grade, only 24% of black students are able to retain grades compared to the 41%  of white students.  “Black students entering kindergarten for the first time score lower than their white counterparts in reading, mathematics, science, cognitive flexibility and approaches to learning — every category tested. he gaps persist throughout schooling, at fourth, eighth and 12th grades, according to a report from the Forum on Child and Family Statistics. On the SAT, black students had a mean score of 428 for critical reading and 428 for math, compared with mean scores for white students of 527 for critical reading and 536 for math.”
   2. [Evidence](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/09/education/09gap.html?_r=0): Only 12 percent of black fourth-grade boys are proficient in reading, compared with 38 percent of white boys, and only 12 percent of black eighth-grade boys are proficient in math, compared with 44 percent according to the New York Times
   3. Impact: Students that come from higher income families may have access to more and better resources than students from lower income families.  For example, students from high to middle class families probably have more access to good educational tools like computers and educational toys.  Those students will also most likely have a better start for school by going to a preschool that will better ready them for their journey through school.
   4. Impact: By paying reparations to African Americans, many families and students will gain the advantage they need to
2. **Contention/Claim:** It was the fault of the American government that racism was fostered by Supreme Court rulings such as the Jim Crow laws. Present day racial discrimination in the form of the inability to get a job due to racist employers, stereotyping concerning motivation and intelligence stems from past discrimination**.** 
   1. [Evidence](http://kff.org/other/state-indicator/poverty-rate-by-raceethnicity/): Racial Discrimination charges in the workplace make up 35.4 % of all charges “From 99, 947 charges of employment discrimination, race discrimination tops the list with 35.4% (45,395) charges” says The Kaiser Family Foundation.
   2. [Evidence](http://breakingbrown.com/2013/09/9-most-alarming-racial-discrimination-nstories-from-last-month/):  Last month, Merrill Lynch settled a $160 million dollar racial discrimination suit brought against the firm by African-American brokers. According to [Business Insider](http://www.businessinsider.com/allegations-in-merrill-lynch-racial-bias-suit-2013-8), there were no African-American brokers in 552 of Merrill’s 639 offices, 75% of African-American “trainee” brokers left before the training period was over, Merrill Lynch had golf outings at clubs that didn’t allow African-Americans, white Merrill employees called African-American brokers the N word, and accused them of planning an uprising when they met at the water cooler.
   3. [Impact](http://www.theroot.com/articles/culture/2013/03/modern_american_racism_the_quietbias_problem.html): Because [National surveys](http://scholar.harvard.edu/files/bobo/files/2012_real_record_on_racial_attitudes_social_trends_in_american_life_0.pdf) continue to reveal commonly held stereotypes of African Americans as less hardworking and less intelligent than whites. Political resentments of blacks remain a centerpiece -- indeed, a genuine third rail -- of American domestic politics
   4. Impact: If we do not change the way bias and stereotypes affect the African American community one cannot argue that racism is a healing wound or in America’s past.
3. **Contention/Claim:** Help poverty stricken communities/make up for job related racial discrimination.
   1. Evidence: CNN news reported 27% of poverty stricken communities are black.
   2. Evidence: Blacks also typically have lower incomes than whites, which also makes it harder for them to save and build wealth. The median income for black households is less than 60% that of white ones.
   3. Evidence: Median household wealth gap between white and black is $84,959.
   4. Impact: If we allow the wealth gaps between black and white people to grow racial separation will continue to get larger.
   5. Impact: Add another one

**Conclusion**: America owes reparations to African Americans not only for the past but present racial discrimination as well.