

# STATE DEBATE

2 - 4 Players - Reasoning, Comparing Ages 8+

**Goal:** Select a numerical category that has a larger value than your opponent's category value.

- All cards are evenly distributed among players. The 2 extra cards are put aside when playing with 3 players.
- Players keep their cards face down in a pile.
- All players draw one card from their pile.
- Players decide who will play first. This player selects a numerical category that he/she thinks has ***larger*** number than the other player's cards.
- After saying the state, the category, and the number, the other players, in turn, say their state, and number of the SAME category.
- The player with the bigger number wins the card(s).

Sample dialogue:

*"I have New York. I think I'll beat you in population  
...18,184,774"*

*"I have California...31,878,234. I win!"*

- Roles are reversed and play continues in this manner.
- The game ends when:
  1. A certain number of cards are used.
  2. A player wins a certain number of cards. (7,11,15 etc.)
  3. Players run out of time.
- The player with the most cards wins the game!

**Option:** Share both of the States names ***before*** the player selects the numerical category.

**Note:** For the low temperature, players need to decide if the bigger number (without the – sign) or the warmer temperature will be the winning number (e.g. –10 is warmer than –15 but 15 is a larger number than 10).