**Concept Chairs Debate**: *Overall question*: **Can you place a value on human life?**

**Agree or Disagree Statements:**

*(Warm up: It is okay to change the rules of the game.)*

1. The value of life depends upon its usefulness.
2. It is okay to sacrifice the lives of a few to save the lives of many.
3. The death penalty is fair punishment.
4. People should make the same amount of money for the same amount of work regardless of their… age, gender, race/ethnicity.
5. Experiences of people impact their values.
6. Human beings should be valued based on their ability to give back to society.
7. The value of a person is based on how many productive years they can work.
8. All people are created equal.
9. All human lives are of the same value.

**More information:** Think about each of your texts in this unit. How would the author answer the question? (You do not only have to speak based upon YOUR opinion. You could also play “devil’s advocate” and play the other side. This makes it more fun!) What evidence in the text(s) supports this position? Take notes so that you will be ready for the debate! Your grade will require that you participate (speak) and also take notes on others’ comments with the seesaw graphic organizer.

**Points breakdown:** 30 points = contributing orally (speaking) in the debate

20 points = backing up what you say with evidence from the text

50 points = completed seesaw graphic organizer (with at least 5 points on each side)

**Texts:**

* The Most Dangerous Game (Short Story – Fiction)
* “Your iPhone Was Built, In Part, By 13 Year-Olds Working 16 Hours A Day for 70 Cents An Hour” (Article – Nonfiction – Business Insider)
* “Why the Syrian Regime is Killing Babies” (Article – Nonfiction – CNN)
* “Stem Cells in Court, Scientists Fear for Careers” (Article – Nonfiction – New York Times)
* Poems (Fiction): “The Value of Human Life” by Jeff, “The War Works Hard” & “Bag of Bones” by Dunya Mikhail
* “A Soldier’s Message of Hope” (Achieve)
* “Remembering the Holocaust” (Achieve)
* “A Father’s Message to His Children” (Achieve)

**CONCEPT CHAIRS DEBATE:**

Can you place a value on human life?

**NO**

**YES**