Debate Observation Checklist

Watch at least 3 Candidates and determine the following:

1. Note at least 5 topics or issues that were discussed in the debate:

2. Which candidates provided clear answers to the questions using facts which indicated a thorough knowledge of the material:

3. Which candidates used facts to support their arguments and which used an "emotional appeal.

4. Which candidates connected with the audience and what type of audience was it? Conservative, Liberal, Older, Rowdy?

5. Did you learn anything new about the candidates or the issues?

6. What questions, if any, do you still have about a candidate and their stances on the issues?

7. What criteria would you use to determine the "winner" in the debate?

8. Which candidate do you think appeared "most presidential"? Do you think that this debate was a valuable tool for evaluating the candidates and their stances on the issues? Why or why not?

9. Which candidates most closely align with your views on the issues? (Think which was closest!)

10. How did the information presented in this debate compare with other debates throughout this election process thus far?