**Sentence Frames for Synthetic Biology Ethics Debate**

**Introductory argument**

1. **Hook:** (Can be a question, fact, or short story. This is the way you engage your audience in what you have to say.)
2. **Claim: (for or against):** Evidence suggests that…
3. **Transition sentence:** Our team will provide two points to support our claim.
4. **Point 1:** Our first point is that…
5. **Point 2:** Our second point is that…
6. **Concluding sentence (restating the claim):** Our team will provide sufficient evidence that…

**Point 1**

1. **State your first point**:This should not be evidence, but something you are going to prove.
2. **Evidence**: According to \_\_\_(source)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(evidence)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Commentary**: Explain why this is important or how it relates to your point.
4. **Evidence**: Another piece of evidence is…
5. **Commentary**: Explain why this is important or how it relates to your point.

**Point 2**

1. **State your second point:** This should not be evidence, but something you are going to prove.
2. **Evidence:** The article/movie titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, suggests that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Commentary:** Explain why this is important or how it relates to your point.
4. **Evidence:** Secondly, it is important to note that…
5. **Commentary:** Explain why this is important or how it relates to your point.

**Concluding Statement**

1. **First sentence:** (restate your overall claim with your two points) In conclusion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_(point 1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(point 2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **State what the other side may say:** The other team may argue that…
3. **State why this is not correct:** We think this is incorrect because…
4. **Transition sentence:** Further, we have two questions we would like the other team to address.
5. **Question 1:** First…
6. **Question 2:** And second…