

PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker Evaluation Criteria

Organization

- Made clear his/her position regarding the resolution (pro/con)
- Claims were clear and easy to follow
- Supporting evidence was properly identified and credited
- Moved smoothly from one claim to another
- Summarized and restated position regarding the resolution

Persuasiveness

- Held the judges interest
- Clearly refuted opponent's arguments
- Used interesting & credible support for claims made
- Ended with an emphasis on why the judge should care
- Left the judge with a positive impression

Vocal Delivery

- Natural & conversational tone with pitch variety
- Appropriate speed & effective use of pauses
- Accurate pronunciation & correct word usage
- Clear articulation, enunciation & Expression

Physical Delivery

- Consistent eye contact and appropriate facial expression
- Natural movement and gestures
- Absence of distracting nervous habits
- Pleasing appearance regarding dress, posture, etc.
- Energy and enthusiasm

Crossfire

- Asked probing questions
- Gave appropriate answers
- Exhibited courtesy
- Abstained from rudeness and sarcasm
- Used time appropriately and respectfully