Public Forum Cheat Sheet

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| Constructive – 1st Speaker Team A 4 minutes  Constructive – 1st Speaker Team B 4 minutes  Crossfire – 1st Speakers 3 minutes  Rebuttal – 2nd Speaker Team A 4 minutes  Rebuttal – 2nd Speaker Team B 4 minutes  Crossfire – 2nd Speakers 3 minutes  Summary – 1st Speaker Team A 3 minutes  Summary – 1st Speaker Team B 3 minutes  Grand Cross – All Speakers 3 minutes  Final Focus – 2nd Speaker Team A 2 minutes  Final Focus – 2nd Speaker Team B 2 minutes  Prep Time 3 minutes |  | **Current Topic**  Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its investment in high-speed rail. |

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| **What to Do in Each Speech** | | | |
| **1. Constructive**   * Read your pre-written case * Be prepared to defend and explain your arguments |  | **2. Rebuttal**   * Extend the important ideas from your case * Respond to your opponents’ cases * Respond to any attacks your opponents made against your case |
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| **3. Summary**   * Briefly extend the most important ideas from your case * Identify the most important arguments and explain why you win them |  | **4. Final Focus**   * Identify the most important arguments in the debate and explain why you have won them * Present 3 reasons why the judge should vote for you |

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| **Crossfire** | **Ideas for Questions** |
| 1. Only ask/answer questions 2. Look at the judge, not your opponent 3. Talk to your opponent | Could you please repeat contention \_\_\_\_?  What was the source on the card you read for contention \_\_\_?  Could you please explain \_\_\_\_\_ in your own words?  How do you define \_\_\_\_\_\_\_? |