



Researched Writing & Speaking – Judge Feedback

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■ What Judges Noticed

- Strong topics with clear purpose
- Confident speakers stood out
- Well-structured arguments
- Effective use of research when present

■ Tips from Judges

- Clearly state your thesis early
- Use credible sources
- Connect evidence to your argument
- Practice delivery and timing
- Speak with confidence

✓ Before You Compete – Checklist

- Clear thesis statement
- Strong evidence and citations
- Organized structure
- Smooth transitions
- Practiced delivery
- Minimal reading from notes
- Confident speaking

■ What You Can Improve

- Stronger use of evidence and citations
- Better organization of ideas
- Reduce reading directly from paper
- Improve transitions between points
- Strengthen conclusion

■ What Made Top Competitors Stand Out

- Clear, compelling arguments
- Strong evidence integration
- Confident delivery
- Logical flow and organization

Strong arguments + strong delivery = success.