Public Forum Cheat Sheet

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| Constructive – 1st Speaker Team A 4 minutesConstructive – 1st Speaker Team B 4 minutesCrossfire – 1st Speakers 3 minutesRebuttal – 2nd Speaker Team A 4 minutesRebuttal – 2nd Speaker Team B 4 minutesCrossfire – 2nd Speakers 3 minutesSummary – 1st Speaker Team A 3 minutesSummary – 1st Speaker Team B 3 minutesGrand Cross – All Speakers 3 minutesFinal Focus – 2nd Speaker Team A 2 minutesFinal Focus – 2nd Speaker Team B 2 minutesPrep 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_? |