

Debate I & Advanced Competitive Debate

Preparing Extemp Speeches

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1. **Daily Objective:** Prepare and deliver an Extemp speech.

Maybe you've had a lot of experience in Extemp. Maybe you've never competed in Extemp. This week, we're going to break down the components of building and delivering an Extemp speech. It's like Extemp, but with a 5-day prep time instead of just 30 minutes.

2. **Bell Ringer/Let's Get Started:**

Watch this 2017 Nationals finals round [Extemp speech](#).

As you're watching, take notes about the structure of the speech:

- Introduction
- Main Point 1
- Main Point 2
- Main Point 3
- Conclusion

3. **Lesson/Activity:**

There are two divisions of Extemp: Domestic/US Extemp, and International Extemp. The final speech is a maximum of 7 minutes long.

The first step in Extemp competition is **choosing a question**. At an in person tournament (remember those?), you would find yourself in a room of other competitors. Each one is called up to draw 3 questions, choosing just one. You should choose a question based on your knowledge of the topics. For this week, you might consider choosing a question you don't know much about so you can take the time to research it.

After you choose a question, you would have 30 minutes to prepare and practice your 7 minute speech. For this week's lesson, you will have time to **research** the topic you chose.

4. Practice:

CHOOSE A QUESTION/TOPIC:

For this week, we are going to choose from the first 5 questions in each division for last week's district tournament.

Choose one question from either USX or IX:

USX:

1. How can the US safely reopen the economy?
2. Should all registered voters be allowed to vote by mail in 2020?
3. If Donald Trump received a letter grade for his handling of the pandemic, what would it be?
4. Will Coronavirus cause an economic crisis worse than the Great Depression?
5. What steps should businesses take to protect their essential workers?

IX:

1. What should the rest of the world learn from South Korea's management of Coronavirus?
2. Will the Saudi-Russia oil production deal be enough to stabilize global oil prices?
3. Will Germany's plan to prevent an economic crisis work?
4. How can developing countries manage the economic fallout from Coronavirus lockdowns?
5. Why was Italy's Coronavirus experience so severe?

RESEARCH YOUR TOPIC:

Find and read 3 articles about your topic. Be thinking about how you will answer the question as you are reading. Highlight any portions of text that might be helpful in preparing your speech.

5. Additional Resources:

[EXTEMP TEXTBOOK](#) FROM NSDA