

CONTENT/STRATEGY/STYLE - USEFUL QUESTIONS

1. CONTENT - The depth and complexity of the arguments + stringing ideas in a logical argument + relevant examples offered

1. Did the debater correctly understand the topic?
2. Is the information brought by the debater relevant and / or important?
3. Is the debater using easily recognizable truisms or syllogisms?
4. Does the speaker provide examples that are handy and linked to the topic?
5. Is the debater analyzing the idea on several levels?
6. If the speech were written out without making use of any stylistic devices, would it be convincing or compelling?
7. Were the arguments fully explained? Did they follow the SEXI structure?
8. Do the arguments seem to be rather abstract and vague, or are they clear and rooted in reality?
9. Is counter-argumentation solid ?
10. Are the arguments based on an example, only examples, or do they use the examples to increase their power?

2. STYLE - The speech delivery manner

1. Does the debater speak freely? Or do they stumble or get stuck between the written sheets of paper?
2. How is the debater's body language complementing the ideas they are conveying?
3. How effective is the tone of the speaker's voice?
4. Does the debater maintain eye contact?
5. How understandable and easy to follow is the speech?
6. Is the speaker self-confident?
7. Do they show a good sense of humour?
8. Is the vocabulary used in tune with the ideas conveyed?

3. STRATEGY - Discourse structure + efficient use of time + fitting within the time limit. Manner of addressing the ideas under discussion – ideas brought by the opponent or the speaker

1. Is the speech structured and easy to follow? Does it include elements of sign posting?
2. Do the arguments form a logical chain or are they thrown into the speech without a clear narrative thread?
3. How much linkage is there between the initial and closing discourses?
Does the speech keep an argumentative thread?
4. Did the debater properly prioritize their main arguments? Did they effectively prioritize countering their opponent's arguments?