

Lesson 4: Summary

Global Public Forum

First Summary vs. Second Summary

- Although the first and second summary speeches share the same essence, they do differ in certain aspects
- If you are the first speaking team that gives the first summary, you would likely focus on collapsing on your strongest arguments
- If you are giving the second summary, you would primarily use the speech to mostly build upon the arguments made by your partner
 - You can extend and reinforce their points and emphasize the strengths of your team's position

What is the summary speech?

Often regarded as the hardest speech in the round, the summary speech lasts for 3 mins and is the third speech given in the round. The purpose of the summary speech is to narrow down the round into a few key ideas.

Offensive vs. Defensive Arguments

- Offensive arguments generate offense and are the reasons you win the round
 - On your side of the flow, offensive arguments come from your constructive and are extended throughout the round
 - Offensive arguments on the opponent's side come in the form of turns, which benefit your own world by countering their logic or impacts
- Defensive arguments aim to eliminate the offense presented by your opponents
 - Defensive arguments are applied to your opponents' offensive arguments to mitigate their impacts

Strategizing

- Utilize prep time before summary to determine the arguments you read in summary
- Collapse on a contention or subpoint on offense that will be your team's main focus to win the round
 - Choose an argument with weak defense or few responses from opponents
 - Respond to all turns on the rest of your contentions to prevent opponents from gaining offense
- Extend defense on your opponent's case and cite your partner's rebuttal responses in your summary
 - If opponents have already collapsed, only rebut arguments they extended in the first summary

When to Weigh

- In a summary speech, you should **always** weigh towards the end of the speech.
- Weighing in the summary speech is crucial for providing a reference point to the judge and enabling your partner to extend it in the final focus.
- Allocate adequate time for weighing to compare arguments and impacts.

