



# ECONOMIC RESEARCH TEAM (160)

—Secondary—

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**Judges/Graders: Please double check and verify all scores and answer keys!**

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## Topic

There have been discussions in the most recent presidential race from members of both parties regarding the end of free trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Research the costs and benefits of free trade and the impact on the United States if the discussions come to fruition. Your research may include but is not limited to:

- What is creative destruction and its impact on the U.S. economy?
- Globalization's effects on U.S. manufacturing, both for producers and consumers.
- Trade adjustment assistance and job restructuring/retraining in the U.S.
- What is the impact of becoming isolationists and closing our borders?

**Teams who do not submit an entry that follows this topic will be disqualified.**

### **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

- Teams will be introduced by team number. **Contestants may continue to wear their name badges.**
- As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each team.
- Teams will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- The set-up time will be no more than three (3) minutes.
- The presentation will be no more than seven (7) minutes; followed by judges' questions not to exceed five (5) minutes.
- Excuse teams upon completion of judges' questions.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) teams.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
- Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
- If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
- Give administrator all Judges' Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets and contest materials.
- No audience is allowed in the contest room.

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