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You have to read. A LOT.
Or watch news channels.
Think CNN or Fox News.



You only get 30 minutes to prepare a speech on a current event topic you draw out of a hat.



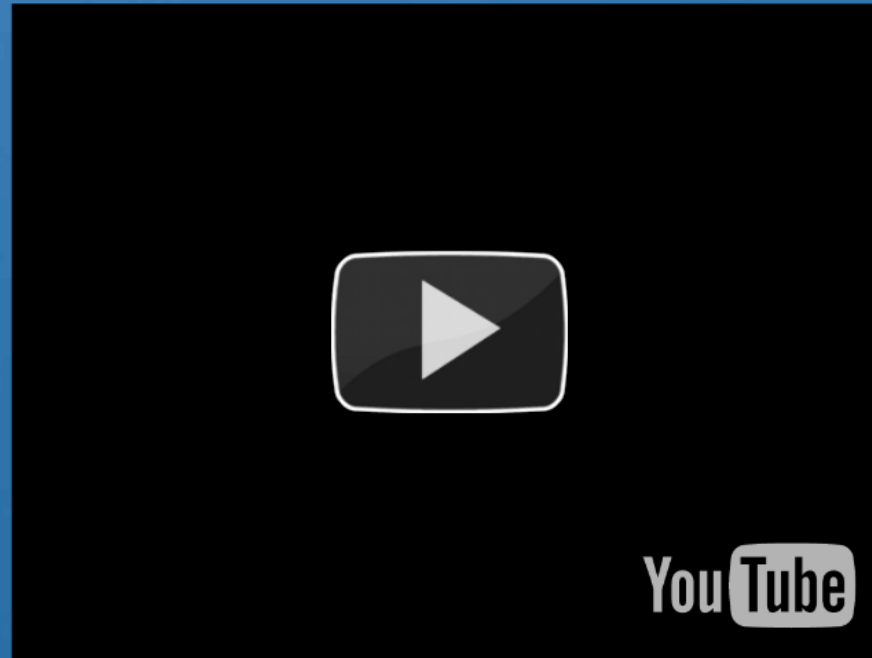
You actually draw out five topics and get to choose which one you want.

Being able to think and speak on your feet is a key component of being successful in extemp

Extemp Rules:

- 30 minutes to prepare
- Speech no longer than 7 minutes
- State the topic in EXACT words in speech introduction
- Laptops are permitted, but:
 - You can't write your speech on it
 - You can't write your ideas/outline on it
 - Basically, you can look up articles on it, but only those saved on your computer before the competition. NO INTERNET!

IHSA 2007-2008 State Champion - Extemporaneous Speaking



Yep, he prepared this in 30 minutes. Pretty impressive, huh? I see a law degree in his future. ;)

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