**Public Forum**

**1st Speech**

**Resolved: The United States Federal Government ought to pay reparations to African Americans.**

*(Brainstorm your 2 – 3 main reasons)*

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| **Pro** | **Con** |
| * Reason 1 * Reason 2 * Reason 3 | * Reason why not 1 * Reason why not 2 * Reason why not 3 |

**Sample Resolution:** The United States government should take steps to curb illegal immigration.

**Introduction**

**Thesis** (road map…. What specifically are your 2 – 3 reasons)

*First*, the threat of terrorism is still very real today and the US should not become lax in its security measures. *Second*, illegal immigration has a negative influence on our country’s economy. And *finally,* our current immigration laws are sufficient to protect our country, if enforced.

**Contention 1:**

Claim: Your statement, the point you are making – no facts (directly from your thesis)The threat of terrorism demands enforcement of current immigration laws.

Warrant: Quotes, evidence, or facts to support your claim

Impact: Why is this important, who does it impact??

**Contention 2:**

Claim: Illegal immigration has a negative influence on our country’s economy

Warrant:

Impact:

**Contention 3:**

Claim: Current immigration laws are sufficient to protect our country, if enforced.

Warrant:

Impact

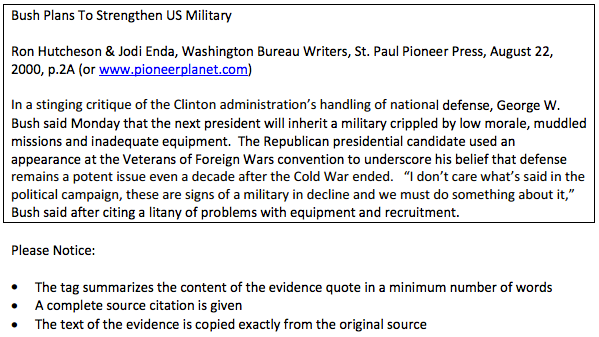
**Pro Speech**

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**Negative Speech**

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**Research Cards**



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Speaker A2....................................................................... 4 Minutes  
Speaker B2........................................................................ 4 Minutes  
Cross-fire (A2&B2)............................................................... 3 Minutes  
Summary A1...................................................................... 2 Minutes  
Summary B1...................................................................... 2 Minutes  
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