



Carter/King Speech and Debate Tournament
December 6, 2025

Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas

Round 1: US Economy

Since the inception of the United States, the economy has shaped national priorities and voter decisions. This round will ask competitors to consider the forces impacting today's economic landscape. From government policy to market trends and consumer confidence, topics will analyze how economic indicators influence the nation's future.

Round 2: Geopolitical Shifts

Global politics rarely stand still, and today's world is shaped by constant change. This round will explore evolving power balances worldwide and how they will mold the future.

Round 3: US Politics

American voters have a handful of key topics that shape their decisionmaking. In today's American political sphere, these topics are more vital to politicians than ever. In this round, competitors will examine questions about all aspects of the U.S. political sphere and how they affect the future of United States leadership and trust in democracy.

Finals: Leaders Around the World

A handful of leaders shape all of our lives. This round looks at how leaders from different countries are shaping politics and policy today. Topics will examine how different presidents, prime ministers, and other figures influence foreign relations, domestic reforms, and global challenges.

Impromptu Speaking Topic Areas

OVERALL THEME: The "A."

Midtown High School is located in Atlanta and named after a part of the city. Because of this, impromptu topics for the 2025 Carter/King tournament are all about Atlanta. From music to landmarks to streets to headquarters, Atlanta is a beautiful city home to a unique culture and people. In our rounds, speeches may be descriptive, allegorical, metaphorical, humorous, dramatic, philosophical, or whatever else you'd like! We are excited to see your creativity.

Round 1: ATLiens

Round 2: Where We Droppin'?

Round 3: All Roads Lead to Atlanta

Finals: Capital of the South