



Five Tips to Crack a Case

There are a few important things to remember when solving a case...

1. Investigate:
 - Make sure to highlight relevant facts.
 - Go above and beyond the sources the case provides; investigate any relevant article in order to get a better sense of the topic.
 - Identify key issues and communities
2. Focus:
 - Be concise, detailed, and as specific as possible.
 - Elaborate on ideas; though your team may understand it, the judges might not.
3. Personal Experience:
 - Explore what your community may need
 - Differentiate which anecdotes are relevant to the case and which are not
 - If you are unsure what solution may be most useful, go out and ask! Surveys are a great way to get a sense as to what the public needs, but remember that a small percentage of the population does not represent all of New England.
4. Selecting the Best Solution:
 - By the end of your investigation period, hopefully you will have multiple ideas as to how to solve the case; pick the best one. Some supporting ideas should be:
 - Inclusivity
 - Accessibility
 - Strong supporting evidence
 - Understanding of the possible Pros and Cons
 - Feasibility
5. Questions to keep in mind:
 - Are there any drawbacks, consequences, or roadblocks? How will you solve them?
 - What are your catalysts?
 - If applicable: What are some further steps you can take to ensure the benefit of your solution?
 - Is your thesis statement clear and direct?
 - Are there any gaps or inconsistencies? If so, rework them.

When all necessary revisions have been made, proof-read and make the last few edits before submitting your final draft.