The Drills

**Background Knowledge**

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| **Drill #1:**   1. Take an article, and write down every relevant concept it references. 2. Spend 10 minutes researching each of them. 3. Give a 1 minute speech explaining each. | **Drill #2:**   1. Pick a random Country/State 2. Off the top of your head, name five facts about it, and one fact about how it impacts its neighbors. 3. Go learn five more. |

**Current Events**

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| **Drill #1:**   1. Pick a current event. 2. Deliver a 1 minute speech outlining the events that lead up to it. 3. Do so without referencing any sources | **Drill #2:**   1. Name 5 developing stories off the top of your head. 2. For coaches: make it a competition, see who can name the most. |

**Analysis**

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| **Drill #1:**   1. Pick a current event. 2. Come up with three possible future scenarios. 3. Determine what variables influence them, and which ones are most probable. | **Drill #2:**   1. Select on article that takes a stance on an event. 2. Disagree with that stance. 3. Provide reasoning and evidence to support your point. |

**Logistics**

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| **Drill #1:**   1. Take a practice question. 2. Use your files to find relevant content. 3. Familiarize yourself with your system and see how quickly you can find what you are looking for. | **Drill #2:**   1. Write down your prep routine. 2. Pick a practice question. 3. Run through your routine. |

**Presentation**

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| **Drill #1:**   1. Tape yourself presenting a 1 minute section of an Extemp Speech. 2. Identify part of your presentation to improve. 3. Deliver the speech section again. 4. Repeat until you are satisfied. | **Drill #2:**   1. Make speaking a part of your daily reading habit. 2. After reading an article, deliver a short summary. |