2006 National Tournament Extemp Topics

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United States Extempore

1. The Wars (Afghanistan, Iraq, and Terrorism)
2. Military and Defense (including Homeland Security)
3. Education and Issues of Youth
4. Health and Welfare
5. US Foreign Affairs: The Domestic Perspective
6. The Bush White House
7. American Culture (including Sports and Leisure)
8. The Environment
9. Crime and Punishment: the American Justice System
10. Business and the Economy
11. The American Political Scene
12. Media and Technology
13. Public Policy and Public Service

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International Extempore

1. The Wars (Afghanistan, Iraq, and Terrorism)
2. US Foreign Affairs: The International Perspective
3. Europe
4. Russia and its former Republics
5. China, Japan, and Korea
6. India, Pakistan and the rest of SE Asia
7. Africa
8. The Middle East
9. Central and South America
10. World Economics and Environmental Issues
11. Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean
12. United Nations
13. International Organizations and Treaties

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Extemporaneous Commentary

1. Developing World
2. Names in the News
3. Terrorism
4. Fundamentalism
5. Science and Technology
6. The Environment
7. Iraq
8. Historical Figures on Current Events***
   (See list of 25 personages from history)
9. World Hot Spots
10. U.S. Domestic Issues

Historical Figures

1. George Washington
2. Mark Twain
3. Charles De Gaulle
4. Leonardo De Vinci
5. Rosa Parks
6. Robert E. Lee
7. Josef Stalin
8. Queen Victoria
9. Cleopatra
10. Otto von Bismarck
11. Vladimir Lenin
12. Marie Curie
13. Karl Marx
14. Napoleon Bonaparte
15. Jane Austen
16. Mary Magdalene
17. Alexander The Great
18. Coretta Scott King
19. Buddha
20. Issac Newton
21. Confucius
22. Simon Bolivar
23. Albert Einstein
24. Thomas Jefferson
25. Catherine The Great

***The round of historical figures focusses on the personages commenting on some current topic releated or reacting to their role in history. e.g., Joan of Arc speaking on "women in the military"; Henry Ford on post fossil fuels for automobiles.