

  
**ECONOMIC RESEARCH TEAM**

(160)

**REGIONAL 2022**

**Description**

One economic research topic is selected by the National Center and provided at the beginning of the school year. The team will conduct research on the topic and present findings in a research paper, an oral presentation, and respond to questions from a panel of judges.

**Topic**

Research the causes of the current inflation in the US. Compare current inflation to periods of inflation in the past. How is the current rate of inflation effecting the economic recovery from the Coronavirus recession? What has the federal government done to attempt to slow the increase of inflation, and how effective has it been?

Teams who do *not* submit an entry that follows this topic will be *disqualified*.

**Judging Procedure**

* As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each team.
* Teams will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
* The set-up time will be no more than three (3) minutes.
* The presentation will be no more than seven (7) minutes; followed by judges’ questions not to exceed five (5) minutes.
* Excuse teams upon completion of judges’ questions.
* **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) teams.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
* Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
* If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
* Give administrator all Judges’ Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets and contest materials.
* No audience is allowed in the contest room.

**Sample Judge Questions**

* Of the causes of inflation listed in your presentation, which one do you think had the biggest impact?
* If you were the government, what would you do differently to slow the increase of inflation?
* What are the possible risks in the future to the economy?
* What grade would you give the federal government based on their response to our inflation rates?
* As a team, how did you allocate the workload? What did you learn about teamwork in the process?

**Please double-check and verify all scores!**

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