

## Forensics in Texas A Comparison

<b>Prose Interpretation</b>	<b>UIL</b>	<b>NFL</b>	<b>TFA</b>
Time	7 minutes no grace	7 minutes 30 second grace period	7 minutes 30 second grace period
Synopsis	oral interpretation of prose; prepare 2 performances from 2 specified literary categories; documentation of categories required  state-qualifying event	oral interpretation of prose; selection from published works  supplemental event only	oral interpretation of prose; selection from published works  offered in even years only
Delivery	oral reading; not memorized except introduction	oral reading; not memorized except introduction	oral reading; not memorized except introduction

<b>Poetry Interpretation</b>	<b>UIL</b>	<b>NFL</b>	<b>TFA</b>
Time	7 minutes no grace	7 minutes 30 second grace period	7 minutes 30 second grace period
Synopsis	oral interpretation of poetry; prepare 2 performances from 2 specified poetic categories; documentation of categories required  state-qualifying event	oral interpretation of poetry; selection from published works poetic in nature  supplemental event only	oral interpretation of poetry; selection from published works poetic in nature  offered in odd years only
Delivery	oral reading not memorized except introduction	oral reading not memorized except introduction	oral reading not memorized except introduction

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<b>Informative/US Extemporaneous Speaking</b>	<b>UIL</b>	<b>NFL</b>	<b>TFA</b>
Time	7 minutes allowed to finish sentence	7 minutes 30 second grace period	7 minutes 30 second grace period
Synopsis	speaker draws 5 current event topics, chooses one to speak on after 30 minutes of preparation time; speech is informative in nature  state-qualifying event	speaker draws 3 current event topics, chooses one to speak on after 30 minutes of preparation time; final round has a two minute cross-examination period  qualifying event	speaker draws 3 current event topics, chooses one to speak on after 30 minutes of preparation time; final round at state has a three-minute cross-examination period  state-qualifying event
Delivery	1 3X5 notecard allowed district/regional/state	notecard use prohibited at any level	1 3X5 notecard allowed in preliminary rounds prohibited in elimination rounds; prohibited at state tournament

<b>Persuasive /Int'l Extemporaneous Speaking</b>	<b>UIL</b>	<b>NFL</b>	<b>TFA</b>
Time	7 minutes allowed to finish sentence	7 minutes 30 second grace period	7 minutes 30 second grace period
Synopsis	speaker draws 5 current event topics, chooses one to speak on after 30 minutes of preparation time; speech is persuasive in nature	speaker draws 3 current event topics, chooses one to speak on after 30 minutes of preparation time; final round has a two-minute cross-examination period	speaker draws 3 current event topics, chooses one to speak on after 30 minutes of preparation time; final round at state tournament has a three-minute cross-examination period
Delivery	1 3X5 notecard allowed district/regional/state	notecard use is prohibited	1 3X5 notecard allowed in preliminary rounds prohibited in elimination rounds; notecard use is prohibited at state tournament

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Cross-Examination Policy Debate	UIL	NFL	TFA
Time	8-3-8-3-8-3-8-3-5-5-5-5 8 minute preparation	8-3-8-3-8-3-8-3-5-5-5-5 8 minute preparation	8-3-8-3-8-3-8-3-5-5-5-5 8 minute preparation
Synopsis	two-member teams debating policy question; broad national or international topic remains the same all year; released each January for the following year	two-member teams debating policy question; broad national or international topic remains the same all year; released each January for the following year	two-member teams debating policy question; broad national or international topic remains the same all year; released each January for the following year
Delivery	Extemporaneous	Extemporaneous	Extemporaneous

Lincoln-Douglas Debate	UIL	NFL	TFA
Time	6-3-7-3-4-6-3 4 minute preparation	6-3-7-3-4-6-3 4 minute preparation	6-3-7-3-4-6-3 4 minute preparation
Synopsis	A one on one value debate; Fall topic used August — December; Spring topic used January — May; available on UIL website	A one on one value debate; NFL topic changes every month	A one on one value debate; can debate UIL or NFL current topic based on local tournament choice
Delivery	Extemporaneous	Extemporaneous	Extemporaneous