



STUDY GUIDE

Directive (LITERATURE)

Category Overview

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Round 1

Duration: 1 Hour 30 minutes

Delegate Cap: 2-3

Word Limit: 100-150 words

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Note: This will be an elimination round. Elimination, delegate caps, and round timings are open to change on the day of the event. Category head decisions on such are final.

Judging Criteria (30):

- Amount of evidence included (5)
- Correct use of redactions and neutral tone (5)
- Validity and interpretation of facts (10)
- Vocabulary (5)
- Grammar (5)



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Round 2

Duration: 2 hours

Delegate Cap: 2–3

Delegates representing various media outlets would be granted limited access to the crime scene. They will observe the space, examine key props, and photograph relevant material. Delegates will also conduct short interviews with four individuals and potential suspects, close to the entities involved. Each person holds fragments of the larger context.

Note: Exceeding the word limit automatically docks 10 points. This will not be an elimination round, and will purely provide information to delegate teams. Round timings and delegate caps are open to change on the day of the event. Category head decisions on such are final

Screening:

Duration: 30 minutes

Delegate Cap: 2–3

Just before the round ends, a pre-recorded interview will be screened between two senior figures, leading each faction, offering differing views on justice, reform, and institutional responsibility:

Delegates must take notes on key moments, contradictions, and rhetoric during the interview. These facts and figures will help them complete their final task in Round 3.

Round 3

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Delegate Cap: 2–3

Word Limit: 600 words

Delegates now prepare to take centre stage in the editorial spotlight. By using all gathered information, they must compose a 600-word opinion piece that mirrors their assigned media outlet's perspective. Articles should include direct quotes, engage with public discourse, and build a reasoned argument that presents the event according to the outlet's ideological stance.

Note: Exceeding the word limit automatically docks 15 points. Round timings and delegate caps are open to change on the day of the event. Category head decisions on such are final.

Judging Criteria (70)

- Vocabulary (10)
- Grammar (10)
- Accurate use of collected quotes (10)
- Integration of public perspectives (10)
- Reasoning and argument development (15)
- Ideological alignment with assigned media outlet (15)