



ECONOMIC RESEARCH INDIVIDUAL (155)

—Secondary—

REGIONAL – 2019

Judges: Please double check and verify all scores and answer keys!

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TOPIC

When a business holds a real or perceived monopoly, they have an advantage over their competitors that is often deemed an unfair competitive advantage. Research the different types of monopolies and the impact of monopolistic behavior on the market, both positive and negative. Your research may include, but is not limited to:

- Vertical and Horizontal integration
- Legal vs. Illegal monopolistic behavior
- Global and US Antitrust lawsuits on US companies (Sherman Antitrust Act, Clayton Act, Bell Atlantic, Microsoft, Google, et.al)

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

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- Contestants will be introduced by contestant number. **Contestants may continue to wear their name badges.**
- 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 contestant.
- Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- 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 contestants upon completion of judges' questions.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** 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.

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