

## High School Ethics Bowl Case Presentation Template

Think of your Ethics Bowl presentation as a 5-paragraph essay, with an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Structuring your presentation like this helps you organize your reasons and present them clearly. It breaks the case presentation into distinct sections, making it easier for judges and other teams to follow the presentation.

*Note: The template below is meant to be flexible. Feel free to adjust and modify the format to fit your presentation needs.*

### Introduction:

1. Restate the question: summarize the case question you'll be discussing.  
*The question before us is \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. Thesis: state your supporting reasons and acknowledge that you will address potential objections to your reasons.  
*We have three reasons for thinking the answer is [yes/no]. We also have responses to two potential objections to our position.*

### Reason 1

1. Topic sentence: state your first reason.  
*Our first reason for thinking the answer is [yes/no] is \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. Evidence: include relevant details, facts, or examples to support the topic sentence.
3. Explanation: Explain how the evidence supports your topic sentence and thesis.

### Reason 2

1. Topic sentence: state your second reason.  
*Our second reason for thinking the answer is [yes/no] is \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. Evidence
3. Explanation

### Reason 3

1. Topic sentence: state your third reason.  
*Our third reason for thinking the answer is [yes/no] is \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. Evidence
3. Explanation

## Response to Objection 1

1. Topic sentence: state the first potential objection and your response.  
*Now we'd like to address some potential objections to our position. First, someone might argue that [insert first potential objection].*
2. Explanation: explain the weakness in the potential objection
  - *We disagree with this objection because it overlooks \_\_\_\_.*
  - *This objection rests on the faulty assumption that \_\_\_\_.*
  - *Although we agree with this objection up to a point, we cannot accept its overall conclusion because \_\_\_\_.*
  - *We agree that \_\_\_\_; on the other hand, we still insist that \_\_\_\_.*

## Response to Objection 2

1. Topic sentence: state the second potential objection to your response.  
*Secondly, someone might argue that [insert second potential objection].*
2. Explanation

## Conclusion

1. Restate thesis: summarize reasons and responses to potential objections.  
*Ultimately, on the question of ---\_\_\_\_, we believe the answer is [yes/no] because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3].*  
*Though some might object that [objection 1] and [objection 2], the principle of [summarize the reasons] still holds.*
2. Closing Thought: end with a final thought or moral consideration.