



We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution
Attributes of Competitive Teams

Whether at the district, state or national level, competitive teams display the following attributes:

- They display a thorough knowledge and understanding of the text.
- They show an awareness of local, state, national and world events particularly as they relate to political and legal issues.
- They grasp the complexities of our legal and governmental systems and can articulate with facility opposing arguments on issues while maintaining personal views and a willingness to share those views where appropriate.
- They avoid “pat,” “blanket” or simplistic answers.
- They show respect for others and tolerance for different viewpoints, beliefs and philosophies.
- They listen actively during study preparation and during hearings, responding and adapting quickly to new questions or ideas heard.
- They practice confidently the formalities important to public discourse. Their speech and body language always show a high regard for courtesy and rules of etiquette.
- They develop a “study team intellect” by displaying a thorough knowledge of the text, current events and controversial issues and by being knowledgeable and supportive of their teammates and the other unit teams in the class.