Outline for a Government Whip Speech

Introduction:

Purpose of Whip Speech:
1. Provide an honest and accurate comparison of the two sides in the
2. Demonstrate the superiority of the Government side in the
3. Highlight the contributions made by the Second Government

Refutation: Refute any extension new arguments presented by the Member of Opposition. This refutation can be presented directly or it can be folded into the GW’s summary.

Summarize the debate:
Don’t try to include every argument in your summary, just the most important ones.

Don’t just include the arguments made by your side, but compare your side’s arguments with those of the other side.

Summarize the debate from a “higher perspective” like the viewpoint of a judge or audience member.

How to organize the summary:

Repeating method: describe the best arguments made by your side (and your team) and explain why these are the best arguments in the debate.

Regrouping method: summarize the debate by grouping the arguments according to some principle, i.e. stakeholder, discipline, history, etc.
Exercise for Creating Summary Arguments in Whip Speeches

Provide a debate motion to a group of students. In groups of 2, ask them to write down the main arguments they would expect each side to make. Then, construct a summary framework for the Government side that could crystalize the debate they imagine might have happened about this topic. Then do the same thing for the other side of this topic.