

Elements of Effective Factbusting

- 1. Study facts on own and think about:**
 - a. Possible interpretations of facts depending on perspective, context, how they are combined with other facts**
 - b. Possible inferences from facts depending on perspective, context, how they are combined with other facts**
- 2. Gather three or more people**
- 3. Have a creative, associative state of mind**
- 4. Looking for quantity of facts and factual inferences**
- 5. “Bust the Facts” - note different meanings or inferences from a fact or facts depending on context, perspective, or juxtaposition with other facts – respectful discussion is OK**
- 6. Write all ideas down**
- 7. Don’t make a final judgment about the persuasive value of facts, their meanings or their inferences until the theory of the case or storyline are developed**