



Impromptu Speaking

EVALUATION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS

Contestants should be evaluated and ranked based on effectiveness of delivery, organization of ideas and the overall impression of the speech. Students draw three topics and have three minutes to prepare a speech. The maximum time limit for speaking is five minutes. There is no minimum time limit. Topics may be serious or humorous in nature. Note cards may not be used during the presentation. Please make your comments using language understandable to the contestant. Students and instructors appreciate constructive narrative comments. Please do not confer with other judges before ranking students. Judging decisions are an individual responsibility.

Speaker Number _____

Speaker Name _____

Section _____

Topic _____

CRITERIA

Evaluate the contestant in each category. Do NOT total these numbers to determine rank in the round. They are only designed to give the contestant an indication of strengths and weaknesses.

QUESTION	NEEDS WORK	GOOD	SUPERIOR		
1. Was the presentation organized clearly and effectively?	1	2	3	4	5
2. Was the speaker's delivery smooth and articulate?	1	2	3	4	5
3. Did the student have adequate eye contact?	1	2	3	4	5
4. Did the student have a creative approach to the topic?	1	2	3	4	5
5. Was the speaker poised and confident?	1	2	3	4	5
6. Did the speaker have vocal variety?	1	2	3	4	5
7. Was the speaker interested and enthusiastic?	1	2	3	4	5
8. Did the speaker communicate with the audience?	1	2	3	4	5

WRITTEN EVALUATION

Comments should be constructive and supportive.

Judge's signature _____



JUDGE'S MASTER BALLOT

CIRCLE EVENT: Impromptu Speaking Modern Oratory Oral Reading Storytelling

INSTRUCTIONS

Each judge should use a copy of this form to rank each of the presentations in the contest. Please do not confer with other judges before ranking students. Judging decisions are an individual responsibility. Refer to the *Constitution and Contest Rules* or Evaluation Sheet for the criteria used to evaluate the presentations.

DISTRICT _____ **SECTION** _____

GRADE LEVEL _____ **ROUND** Prelims Finals

SPEAKER NUMBER	NAME	TITLE	JUDGE RANK
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____

Judge's signature _____



Contest Director's Ranking Sheet for a panel of judges in speaking events

EVENT _____

SECTION I II III IV FINALS

BEFORE RANKING, CHECK THE FOLLOWING

- Evaluation sheets have ranks Speaker order Length of presentation

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING PLACES AND BREAKING TIES

Follow this order to place all contestants.

1. Majority (Watch for the "or better" language in determining a majority.)
2. Lowest sum
3. Judges' preference
4. Decimal equivalentents

NOTES

1. See Section 1003 of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* or the *A+ Handbook* for a full discussion of this procedure.
2. Ties must be broken before other contestants are placed.
3. Be careful! The lowest total does not automatically win. Follow prescribed order of criteria for each ranking.
4. A computer program is available for multiple judge tabulation. See the UIL Web site.

Speaker Number	Judge I	Judge 2	Judge 3	Totals	Preference*	Decimal Value*	Rank
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							

* Judges' preference and decimal values are used only to break ties.



A+ IMPROMPTU SPEAKING TOPICS
2016-2017 Invitational
PRELIMINARY ROUND

1. A couple of things I learned in elementary school are...
2. My earliest memory is...
3. Agreeable people usually...
4. In order to have compassion...
5. If I were a *Greek God/Goddess*, I would be...
6. I will never forget the time when...
7. I dove to the bottom of the ocean, and I found...
8. I bet the president's main thoughts are...
9. If I could invent anything, it would be...
10. The perfect example of bravery...
11. I often wonder about...
12. The best part about summer is...
13. My friends and I got locked in the mall and...
14. Our society has progressed because...
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FINAL ROUND

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2. The monster under my bed loves...
3. I had an eerie feeling when...
4. The grossest thing in my closet is...
5. If I would never do one thing again, it would be...
6. Perseverance teaches a person...
7. I wish I knew how...
8. If my cell phone was taken away for a year...
9. I am most dedicated to...
10. My most prized possession is...
11. If I could make the school dress code, it would consist of...
12. The grossest food ever is _____ because
13. A hero is someone who...
14. I am pretty sure my parents are spies because...
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2016-2017 Fall/Winter District
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2. The person I admire most is...
3. The kindest act I ever witnessed...
4. The world needs...
5. Learning a new language...
6. I heard the strangest weather report of...
7. Genetically modified food...
8. Happiness means...
9. Animals in zoos...
10. I would be willing to wait in a long line for...
11. True beauty is...
12. When I am 80, I...
13. The story behind my name...
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2016-2017 Spring District
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2. The size of sugary drinks...
3. A longer school calendar is...
4. Violent video games...
5. A person is wise when...
6. The role of robots in the future...
7. If the voting age was changed to 13....
8. The kind of music that inspires people...
9. The best meal I ever ate...
10. The most challenging assignment I ever had...
11. The perfect summer job...
12. If I could time travel...
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2. The best television shows...
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4. The best way to study is...
5. My dream car...
6. If cell phones were never invented...
7. The item I would grab in a fire...
8. One cause I firmly believe in...
9. Technology in the classroom...
10. The most heroic act I have witnessed...
11. The role of art in our lives...
12. My community would be a better place if...
13. A long-term passion of mine...
14. If I had my own talk show, I would want to interview...
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