

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Three (3) minutes before speaking in each round, the contestant will be given one (1) topic on which to speak. The topics will be from a variety of sources including: song titles, quotations, fortune cookies, cartoons, etc. The drawing of topics will be held in the Zoom waiting room in which the contestant will prepare, then move to the Zoom presentation room. Contestants must include ONE ORAL CITATION in their presentation, so contestants are encouraged to bring electronic devices for this purpose. **Before the presentation, the speaker will say the topic to the judges.** Speeches will be judged on organization, delivery, originality, adherence to chosen topic and time. The camera frame should be waist-up. **TIME LIMIT:** 3-minutes prep time + 2-3 minutes speaking time.

NAME _____ School _____

TOPIC _____

Excellent = 10 Poor = 1 (10 possible points per section) Comments

_____ **Knowledge / Originality**

- Knowledgeable on subject?
- Relevant, meaningful ideas?
- Original insights/arguments?
- Unique approach?
- Adherence to drawn topic?

_____ **Organization**

- Effective intro., body, and conclusion?
- Easy to follow?
- Clear transitions?
- Clear central idea?

_____ **Content**

- Relevant and sufficient development?
- Used examples, facts, quotes?
- Supporting materials related to topic?

_____ **Delivery**

- Direct and fluent speech?
- Effective eye contact, gestures, posture, etc.?
- Vocal variety (*appropriate volume, diction, pitch, rate*)?

_____ **Overall Effectiveness**

- Topic explored sufficiently and uniquely?
- Professional attire and poise?
- Established rapport with audience?

_____ **Total points (50 possible)** Judge's Signature _____

Time: _____ Minutes (*Limit: 2-3 minute speech*) Judge's Affiliation _____

Tally Room Use Only

-5 Deduction for Over or Under time in Preliminary rounds; *DISQUALIFIED* for Over or Under time in *FINALS*

_____ **TOTAL ADJUSTED POINTS**