

Declamation Comment Sheet



Contestant Name _____ Code _____

Round _____ Section _____ Speaker Time _____

Selection Title _____

Judge Name _____ Judge Affiliation _____

Directions: Using the prompts below, please provide constructive feedback to the competitor. Your comments should highlight areas of strength as well as provide areas for growth. Be as specific as possible in your feedback. Use the space to expand your thoughts on any of these areas or to comment on specific moments or lines that stood out to you. Please do not comment on participants' attire or appearance; this should not play a role in your decision.

Cutting

Do you understand what is happening? Does the speech flow effectively? Does the sequence of ideas contained in the speech make sense?

Delivery

Is the speech, as performed, appropriate for the situation? Does the student use voice, posture, and gestures to enhance the message?

Context

Does the performer engage with the audience? Does the performance appropriately capture the context of the speech?

Reason for Decision: *(Why did this performance earn the rank that you assigned?)*

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Speaker Points _____ (out of 100)

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Extemporaneous Speaking Comment Sheet



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Question/Prompt _____

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Argumentation and Analysis

Is the student directly answering the question? Does the student develop justifications for their ideas and establish the significance of their points? Have they established a clear understanding of the topic area?

Source Consideration

Does the speaker offer a variety of sources? Are the sources provided credible? Are appropriate citations used when citing a source?

Delivery

Is the student using voice, movement, and expression effectively? Is the speaker confident? Is there consistent eye contact? Is the volume appropriate?

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Impromptu Speaking Comment Sheet



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Organization

Does the student have a clear structure to their speech? Are transitions used to move effectively between each part of the speech? Does the development of the speech make sense?

Analysis

Does the student directly address the prompt? Does the student develop justifications for their ideas and establish significance to the points?

Delivery

Does the student use voice, movement, and expression effectively? Is the speaker confident? Is there consistent eye contact? Is the volume appropriate?

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Informative Speaking Comment Sheet



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Title/Topic _____

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Relevance

Is the topic timely? Is the thesis clearly established? Does the delivery assist in establishing the importance of the topic?

Relatability

Can the audience relate to the topic? Is the delivery personable? Does the speaker establish how others are impacted by the topic? Does the speaker do a good job informing?

Originality

Does the speaker address the topic in a unique, inventive way? Are the supporting examples new and interesting?

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Interpretation Comment Sheet



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Characterization

*Is each character well-developed?
Is each character relatable? Does
a character's response seem
believable given the situation
being portrayed?*

Blocking

*Can you tell what the performer is
doing in the scene? Is it clear
what character(s) they are
playing? Is the movement
motivated?*

Cutting

*Do you understand what is
happening? Is the story line easy
to follow? Does the sequence of
events make sense?*

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Original Oratory Comment Sheet



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Importance

Is the topic significant? Is the thesis clearly established? Does the delivery assist in establishing the importance of the topic?

Relatability

Can the audience relate to the topic? Is the delivery personable? Does the speaker establish how others are impacted by their topic? Is the rhetoric of the speech inclusive?

Originality

Does the speaker address the topic in a unique, inventive way? Are the supporting examples new and interesting?

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Program Oral Interpretation Comment Sheet



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Programming

Were at least two of the three genres of literature (Poetry/Prose/Drama) used in the program? Did all of the literature contribute to the theme or argument? Did the flow of the performance make sense? Was there a balance among genres in the performance?

Blocking

Can you tell what the performer was doing in each scene? Was it clear what selection the performer was using in each section? Did the performer maintain control of the manuscript at all times? Was the movement motivated in the performance?

Characterization

Did each selection have distinct and engaging characters? Did the performance match the genre (e.g., did the performer emphasize poetic elements when performing a Poetry selection)? Was the performance dynamic?

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Prose/Poetry Comment Sheet



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Performance

Is the presenter comfortable and commanding in the space? Does the presenter's use of physicality, facial expression, and gestures enhance the performance?

Vocalization

Does the presenter bring the words to life? In Prose: does the presenter's use of vocal qualities like diction, pausing, and volume advance the narrative? In Poetry: does the presenter's use of vocal qualities like rhythm, pacing, and volume advance the performance?

Cutting

Is the theme or narrative easy to follow throughout the selection of literature? Does the selection flow well and make sense in terms of how it's developed?

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Storytelling Comment Sheet



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Tone

Does the performer's voice align with the type of story they've chosen to tell? Is it clear this story would be suitable for children to hear?

Expressiveness

Does the presenter bring the words to life using effective techniques to convey appropriate emotion? Do the presenter's facial expressions aid the overall delivery of the presentation? Does the presenter seem engaged in the literature?

Relatability

Is the presenter delivering the story in a manner that would engage young children? Does the presenter effectively establish a connection to the audience? Is eye contact used to engage the audience?

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