



Original Oratory

Judge code: _____

Room: _____

Description of the event: Oratory is a memorized event in which the student presents original thought and commentary on a topic of his/her choice. Generally, but not always, the speech is of a persuasive nature. No manuscripts may be used during the presentation. A maximum of 150 directly quoted words is allowed in the oration. Students will be judged on their delivery skills and ability to discuss the topic effectively and intelligently. Students must use their own work, and may not copy the same speech or substantial sections of the same speech as another contestant. Students in Original Oratory are responsible for the accuracy of citations of evidence. Students must cite facts and analysis from source material accurately and in keeping with the author's intent. Judges may request to see original copies of the sources cited, and bring discrepancies to the attention of the tournament director. No scripts, costumes, or props may be used in the presentation.

Time: 10 minute maximum, including introduction (30 second grace); no minimum

Standards for Judging:

Does the student speak with poise/confidence and with appropriate skills?

Does the speaker exhibit a clear purpose, with ideas presented in an original and interesting manner?

Is there evidence/sourcing, organization, and structure?

Is the oratory thoroughly memorized?

Is it evident that the work is the principle creation of the student (proper pronunciation, identification, language style)?

Does the speaker/speech fulfill his/her purpose?

Comments: (Include praiseworthy aspects as well as areas in need of improvement)

Title _____

Speaker Code: _____

Round: I II III Semi-Finals Finals

Time elapsed: _____

Please rank the speaker in relation to the rest of the round, 1 being the highest (no ties): _____

Please rate the speaker according to the following scale (please avoid ties in rating): _____

76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
poor					fair					good					excellent					superior				

Judge's Signature _____ School _____