



Declamation

Judge code: _____

Room: _____

Description of the event: Declamation is a memorized event in which the student delivers a speech written by some other person. The speech must have been presented as a public address and found in print, on video, DVD or on an audio recording. Speeches that have been used only for forensic competition are not acceptable, even if they can be found in print. The presentation should include an introduction that provides the title of the speech and the author, and should include relevant information about the theme and date of the oration or its historical significance. Dialects of the original speaker need not be mimicked. 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, and an original interpretation of the speech?
- Is the intent of the original speaker respected?
- Is the declamation thoroughly memorized?
- Does the speaker establish the mood, setting, and significance of the original speech?
- Does the speaker/speech relate to the audience

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): _____

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poor fair good excellent superior

Judge's Signature _____ School _____