



Round \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Speech \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Judging Instructions for the State Tournament:**

- Original oratory is a persuasive speech that is created, written and memorized by the contestant.
- Presentation shall be from memory. No props or costumes are allowed.
- Movement and gestures are allowed. No more than 150 words of quoted or paraphrased material may be used.
- Time limit is 10 minutes. Penalty for overtime determined by judge's discretion.

**The following areas for comments are offered to assist the judge in making a well-informed and complete decision. Written comments for the competitor are very important to assist the competitor in their continued educational experience.**

<b><u>Thought Content:</u></b> Does the speaker establish a central theme? Does the speaker demonstrate the importance of the topic?	<b>S</b> <b>E</b> <b>G</b> <b>NI</b>	A central theme was established very clearly, and all points and content followed very nicely.  The importance of the topic could have been stressed a little more. It is a very serious issue, and it would be extremely effective to emphasize that to the audience.
<b><u>Organization/Development of Ideas:</u></b> Is there an adequate and interesting introduction? Is the material organized? Does the conclusion grow out of what has preceded?	<b>S</b> <b>E</b> <b>G</b> <b>NI</b>	The introduction was very engaging, it was very attention grabbing and drew in people to listen to the rest of the speech.  The points were organized very clearly, but the material within each of the points could have used more clear organization.  The conclusion was a little abrupt, and could have used a better transition. However, it related to the topic very well and drew the speech to a nice, full-rounded conclusion
<b><u>Language Use:</u></b> Is the language used clear and concise? Is there effective use of language in word choice and phrasing?	<b>S</b> <b>E</b> <b>G</b> <b>NI</b>	The language was very clear, and the word choice was very diverse and attention grabbing.  The word choice matched the topic very well, and painted a portrait that drew listeners in very well.
<b><u>Delivery:</u></b> Do fluency, enunciation and vocal quality enhance communication? Are movements and gestures natural and unobtrusive? Does vocal tone convey the meaning of the speaker?	<b>S</b> <b>E</b> <b>G</b> <b>NI</b>	The movements and gestures emphasized points in the speech very well, and drew attention very effectively. The tone of the speech was backed by the gestures in clear way.  The vocal quality could use some improvement, especially in volume. Variation in volume could make the speech very entertaining and communicate the message more effectively.
<b><u>Overall Effect:</u></b> Does the speaker keep the attention of the audience being addressed?		The speaker kept the attention of the audience effectively with the use of appropriate gestures and diverse word choice, but could have used more volume change to keep listeners engaged.

RANK: 4 \_\_\_\_\_ place. (Give one 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup>, one 3<sup>rd</sup>, and all remaining speakers 4<sup>th</sup>)

RATING:	50	48	46	44	42	40	38	36	34	32	30
	Superior (S)			Excellent (E)			Good (G)			Needs Improvement (NI)	

**Judge Name (Please Print):**\_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation:**\_\_\_\_\_