

Ronald Reagan Debate Series Rubric

CATEGORY	1- POOR	2- FAIR	3- GOOD	4- VERY GOOD	5- EXCELLENT
LIKENESS TO RONALD REAGAN Much like President Reagan, competitors should present their ideas with a variety of ways including storytelling, humor, charisma. Debaters should aim to connect with their audience.	Debater showed no personality and uniqueness and/or was disrespectful.	Debater showed little personality and minimally incorporated Reagan.	Debater incorporated some but not all elements of Reagan's speaking style.	Debater incorporated all aspects of Reagan's speaking style, but can have a more polished style.	Debater excelled at incorporating the attributes of Reagan's speaking
ORGANIZATION AND CLARITY A successful debater communicates ideas with clarity, organization and eloquence. Competitors should appeal to the Average American voter and enunciating clearly.	It was impossible to follow the debater's speech and logic.	Only people with technical knowledge can understand the debater/ unreasonable speaking pace was used.	Debater was somewhat organized, but can greatly improve clarity	Debater was decently organized, and most people can understand.	Anyone could have understood this debater/well-organized.
KNOWLEDGE OF THE TOPIC Skilled debaters should demonstrate their knowledge of both the topic in both moderator and competitor questioning periods. They should be able to competently answer a question.	Debater demonstrated little to no topical knowledge/ was completely dependent on notes and speech documents.	Debater did not have a firm grasp on the topic and relied heavily on notes and speech documents.	Debater somewhat understood the topic but could have been less dependent on notes and speech documents.	Debater demonstrated subject competence and did not rely heavily on notes and speech documents.	Debater demonstrated a strong grasp of the subject at hand and was not dependent on notes.
PERSUASIVENESS Competitors should use a balance of storytelling, logic, and evidence to make their points. While quality evidence should be used, win/loss should not be determined by evidence alone.	Debater made no arguments/ had no balance of storytelling, logic, and evidence/ used flawed logic/evidence.	Debater used some but not all of the elements of persuasion/ ideas were limited in scope.	Debater used storytelling, logic, and evidence, but wasn't persuasive enough in doing so.	Debater was persuasive and effectively used all elements.	Debater was very persuasive and used all elements to present a better case.
REBUTTALS (RESPONSE TO OPPONENTS' ARGUMENTS) Rebuttals include all responses to opponents' logic. Debaters should respond to all major arguments given by opponent.	Debater did not address/ counter any of their opponent's main arguments.	Debater only minimally addressed/countered some of their opponent's main arguments.	Debater only addressed/countered some of their opponent's main arguments.	Debater addressed/countered most of their opponent's main arguments.	Debater successfully addressed/ countered all of their opponent's main arguments.
CONDUCT AND CIVILITY Debaters are expected to model the civility, respect, and courtesy exemplified by President Reagan throughout his life. This includes respectful engagement with opponents and judges and active listening, appropriate body language.	Debater was disrespectful, dismissive, or hostile toward their opponent or the judge: demonstrated poor sportsmanship or inappropriate behavior.	Debater had noticeable lapses in civility or professionalism; may have interrupted, rolled eyes, or demonstrated frustration.	Debater was generally respectful and professional, though some minor lapses in tone or demeanor may have been present.	Debater was consistently respectful, professional, and courteous, showing clear understanding of the competition.	Debater was a model of civility and sportsmanship, demonstrating respect, humility, and encouragement toward others.