

Editorial Commentary

Round: _____ Competitor: _____ School: _____

Event Rules

1. A scripted speech that is intended to be an analysis of a news event rather than a running synopsis of the news. The commentary takes a position on an issue of public concern.
2. Speakers will read the manuscript from a seated position, as if talking to a camera.
3. The script should be timed to end between 1:45 and 2:00 minutes. Any speaker ending before 1:45 or after 2:00 minutes shall be ranked one score lower.

	Superior	Excellent	Average	Unprepared
Strong Thesis	1	2	3	4
Rhetoric/Diction	1	2	3	4
Persuasiveness	1	2	3	4
Clear/Coherent Organization	1	2	3	4
Effective Use of Voice	1	2	3	4
Directness	1	2	3	4

Rank in Round (No Ties Except 5)	Time

Rate This Speaker

20 – exemplary in every way – best competitor ever

19 – almost the best speech I have ever seen

18 – outstanding performance; superior work

17 – fantastic speech; minimal flaws

16 – clearly very good work – minor technical flaws emerge

15 – work is good, but shows technical flaws

14 – work is good, but shows some flaws with fluency or organization

13 – work is good, but lacks direction

12 – work is sound, but more practice could improve performance

11 – work is sound, but organizational flaws detract from the performance

10 – speech shows promise, but improvement is necessary – delivery may have been off

9 – significant improvement is needed

8 – speech is very short or major improvements are necessary

I Enjoyed...	Work On...	Overall...
		Judge: _____