

Expository Speaking

Round: _____ Competitor: _____ School: _____

Event Rules

1. Expository (informative) speaking is to describe, clarify, explain, and/or define an object, idea, concept, social institution, or process.
2. The speech must be the original work of the speaker.
3. Responsibility for choosing a worthwhile topic rests with the contestant. The use of humor will not be penalized. No costumes are allowed. Any demonstration should enhance, not be the focus of, the information presented.
4. The contestant may use notes or visual aides.
5. The time limit for this event is EIGHT (8) MINUTES. If the speaker goes over a 30 second grace period the contestant may not be awarded first place in the round. No minimum time

	Superior	Excellent	Average	Unprepared
Worthwhile Topic	1	2	3	4
Original Approach	1	2	3	4
Clear / Coherent Organization	1	2	3	4
Use of Language	1	2	3	4
Use of Voice	1	2	3	4
Use of Body Action	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: _____