



Round: Speaker Code: Speaking Time: Judge:

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING COMMENT SHEET

The extemporaneous speech should be an original synthesis of current fact and opinion on the designated topic as presented by numerous sources. The contestant should be held accountable for strict adherence to the precise statement of the topic drawn. The information presented should be pertinent and sufficient to support the central thought of the topic.

The mechanics of speech must be observed faithfully –poise, quality and use of voice, effectiveness and ease of gesture, emphasis, variety and enunciation. In addition, the contestant must be able to interpret the full meaning of the oration and be able to carry the interpretation over to the audience.

At the scheduled time for the beginning of the round, the contestants will enter one at a time to speak in the order in which their code numbers have been posted. Before speaking, the speaker must submit to the judge the topic drawn. It is recommended that the judge write the topic on the comment sheet for each individual competitor. The contestant may use a note card, to be submitted to the judge at the conclusion of the speech with the contestant's code number clearly indicated. All note cards will be turned in with the ballot. Remember that you are judging the contestant's performance, and you are not judging the topic drawn. All contestants shall remain in the room following their performance until all speakers have spoken, unless a contestant is double entered.

In semifinal and final rounds only: Each speaker shall pose a question to the next speaker in the speaking order (the last speaker shall question the first speaker.) The first speaker shall give a speech and at the conclusion of the first speaker's speech, the last speaker shall pose a question of not more than one minute in length. The first speaker will have two minutes to answer. The last speaker shall return to the prep room and the first speaker shall stay to question the second speaker. The second speaker will question the third speaker, etc. Questioners may make notes during the speaker's speech but not use them in questioning. Presentations should be appropriate for all audiences.

Circle the Place (Rank) in this Round (1st is best - no ties)

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

Please list your observations and recommendations to assist the competitor in improving in specific areas:

Competitor Does Well

Competitor Needs Improvement

Feel free to continue comments on the reverse side.

Please use this holistic rubric to give appropriate feedback to the contestant.

Answered Question Effectively	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Development of Analysis	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Use of Evidence	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Demonstration of Knowledge	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Clear, Coherent Organization	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Quality and Use of Voice	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Poise & Presence	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average

Rate the Speaker in this Round (ties are permitted)

<i>Outstanding</i> 30 or 29	<i>Excellent</i> 28 or 27	<i>Good</i> 26 or 25 or 24	<i>Average</i> 23 or 22	<i>Below Average</i> 21 or 20
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