

Original Oratory Ballot

Judges should take a copy of the Oration from the student before he/she starts his/her speech. If the speaker is reading the speech from notes or from a paper, he/she should be placed last. This should be communicated to the orator.

Topic: The topic of this competition is to reflect on this year's theme. Theme explanation is located in your judge's packet.

Pts Rcvd

Start Time: _____

End Time: _____

1. Overall Performance: **(5 points)**

Note to Judges: If the competitor does not fulfill one or more of the 3 criteria below, he/she loses the entire 5 pts.

- _____ Did the oration last more than 7 minutes? If so, did the orator stop after the 30 second grace period? Note the length of the oration: _____ minutes & _____ seconds.
- _____ Did the orator drastically vary from his/her script?
- _____ Was the competitor on time for the interview?
- _____ Was the student dressed professionally (business or Islamic attire)?
- _____ Was the total effect of the oration pleasing?

2. Analysis and Content Comments: **(8 points- 2 pts each)**

- _____ Did the speaker answer the question?
- _____ Was the content informative?
- _____ Was there sufficient use of logic, facts, examples, and/or expert opinion?
- _____ Was the information pertinent to the specific topic?

3. Introduction: **(15 points- 5 pts each)**

- _____ Did the speaker get the audience's attention?
- _____ Was the topic clearly stated?
- _____ Did the speaker preview and give focus to the key ideas?

4. Body: **(15 points- 5 pts each)**

- _____ Did the speaker make effective use of signposting, internal summaries, and transitions?
- _____ Was adequate time devoted to each division within the 7-minute time limit?
- _____ Was there a logical progression of ideas?

