



JUDGE WORKSHEET

COLD READING

Judge: _____

Room: _____ Round: _____

Description of Event

Speakers read from a short script given to them in the competition room. Speakers will have two minutes preparation time to prepare approximately 3-4 minutes (450-550 words) of material. Material could include well-known literature, speeches, poetry, or other genre selected by the tournament for each round. Speakers will be evaluated on the quality of their analysis and presentation. A good dramatic Cold Reader is able to communicate with fluency and clarity and to project speech rhythms well. He/she should also be able to bring out the intent, mood and characterization of a piece through appropriate articulation and body language.

Guidelines

- Preparation time limit is 2 minutes .
- The speaker may use only the script provided during prep time and the presentation.
- The speaker must read the script word for word without alteration.
- The speaker may write notes on the script, but it must be returned to the judges before the speaker leaves the room.
- The forensic notebook may be used creatively.
- The presentation must be confined to front and center of the presentation space.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- Other than the script provided, no props, costumes, or audiovisuals may be used.

Judge Worksheet Instructions

1. Record the topic of each speaker as they present. (note: it may be the same)
2. When finished, rank speakers by the point totals from the ballots; speakers may have the same point values but must still be ranked. (For example, two speakers have 26 points---choose a 1st and 2nd rank). 1st place is noted by "1", 2nd place "2", etc. Place these rankings in column 1.
3. If there are no violations, go to step 5.
4. Add columns 1 and 2 and record in column 3, if applicable.
5. In column 4, record the final rank. Break ties from column 3 by advancing the participant with no or fewer violations. (For example, if two are tied for 3rd place, advance the speaker with no violations to 3rd place and the other speaker *with a violation* to 4th place.)
6. IMPORTANT step: after filling out column 4, go back to the ballots and circle the final rank that each speaker was awarded based upon this worksheet.

Name of speaker (in planned order)	Topic of speech	Column 1: Original rank	Column 2: Violations	Column 3: Add columns 1 & 2	Column 4: Final Rank Break any ties



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