Thematic Interpretation

Speaker _____

Round_____ Section_____ Room_____

Judge Name_____ Date_____

Speech Theme_____ Speech length (max. 10 min.)_____

¬ Circle a number to indicate your rating: 1 weak; 3 average; 5 superior. Criteria for making your decision are listed in each category. *Please provide comments under each category to enable the competitor to improve communication skills.* Your independent opinion is important, so please do not discuss this ballot with anyone.

CONTENT	PRESENTATION
Introduction/s 1 2 3 4 5 • Grabs audience attention; teasers permitted • May provide brief background information to draw the audience into the literature • Explains the literary value of the chosen selections • Cites titles and authors clearly • Presents a clear theme COMMENTS:	**Vocal** 1 2 3 4 5 • Utilizes variety of pitch, rate, volume, rhythm, inflection • Consistently creates distinct, well-defined characters • Demonstrates clear enunciation, and articulation COMMENTS:
Literary selections / merit 1 2 3 4 5 • Selects quality literature with universal appeal • Portrays the intellectual, emotional and artistic dimensions of the selections • Moves and/or provokes audience to thought COMMENTS:	**Physical; Use of Notebook** 1 2 3 4 5 • Uses appropriate eye contact, off-stage focus, facial expressions, gestures and posture • Exhibits limited movement appropriate to selections • Handles notebook in a natural and purposeful way • Notebook does not distract; can be used creatively COMMENTS:
Thematic analysis 1 2 3 4 5 • Presents a clear explanation of the chosen theme • Maintains unity of chosen theme throughout • Transitions easily between selections, characters • Honors authors' intentions through the interpretation COMMENTS:	**Overall** 1 2 3 4 5 • Clearly carries the chosen theme throughout • Portrays character(s) with consistency and purpose • Establishes rapport and emotional intent with audience • Brings literature to life COMMENTS:

∧ Total points from above; indicate any violations.

TOTAL POINTS: _____/30 VIOLATIONS: Lack citation _____ + Overtime _____= ____ Total violations
[1 rank] [1 rank]

∨ First use Judge Worksheet to indicate final ranking after violations are accounted for; then circle this speaker's final rank.

FINAL RANK: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th & below

Judges' Signature:_____ THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT!!