



JUDGE WORKSHEET

Junior Interpretation

Judge: _____

Room: _____ Round: _____

Description of Event

Junior Interpretation is an interpretive speech event in which a competitor seeks to interpret and develop the intellectual, emotional and artistic aspects of a work of literature or poetry for a uniquely original presentation. The selection may be humorous, serious or both. Humor must be beneficial. Humor and/or drama must come from the author's words and not solely from the creativity of the competitor.

Guidelines

- Time limit is 5 minutes; overtime grace period of 15 seconds; no minimum time.
- The selection is from a piece of literature or poetry that has merit; no play scripts.
- Memorization is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting are allowed.
- Care must be taken to accurately portray the author's intent.
- The presenter may present one or more characters.
- Dancing is prohibited; only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- Movements are confined to front and center of the presentation space.
- Participants are to maintain off-stage focus while in character but may make eye contact with the audience during any introductory words or narration sections.
- Very brief singing that is suggested by or included in the literature may be utilized.
- No props, costumes, or audiovisuals may be used.
- A teaser (lines from the piece) may be used as an opener.
- ERRORS:
 - Failure to cite title and author.
 - Exceeding the time limit (starting at 5 min., 16 sec.).
 - NOTE to judges: in this category only, if an error occurs, it is to be noted on the ballot, but there are no penalties assessed. These young participants are not competing.

Judge Worksheet Instructions

Since this is not a competitive event, please encourage these young participants by giving ample feedback on their ballot.



Academically-focused

Christ-centered

Family-oriented



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