



JUDGE WORKSHEET

JV Great Speeches

Judge: _____

Room: _____ Round: _____

Description of Event

Great Speeches is a Junior Varsity individual speech event in which a competitor has a maximum of eight minutes to interpret, from memory, a published, non-original speech of historical importance or contemporary significance.

Guidelines

- Time limit is 8 minutes; overtime grace period of 15 seconds; no minimum time.
- The Speech should have a positive, thought provoking message that enriches or encourages the audience.
- The use of vocal variety and hand gestures is encouraged.
- Competitor should face the judges and maintain eye contact.
- Physical movement and taking steps is allowed, although the speech presentation must be confined to the front and center of the presentation space.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor.
- No props, costumes, or audiovisuals may be used.
- No vulgarity, crude humor or distasteful comments are allowed.
- The competitor must give a unique interpretation of the speech, not attempt to imitate the original speaker.
- VIOLATIONS:
 - Not noting author and if applicable, title of speech requires a 1-rank penalty.
 - Exceeding the time limit (starting at 8 min. 16 sec.) requires a 1-rank penalty.

Judge Worksheet Instructions

1. Record the topic of each speaker as they present.
2. When the round is over, rank speakers using the point totals on the ballots; speakers may have the same point values but they must still be ranked. (For example, if 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. Record violations, if any (see above), in column 2. If no violations occur, 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. There can be no ties in rankings, so break ties by advancing the participant with no or fewer violations first. (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: after filling out column 4, **go back to the ballots** and based upon this worksheet, circle the final rank for each speaker.

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

