



JUDGE WORKSHEET

JV Prose Interpretation

Judge: _____

Room: _____ Round: _____

Description of Event

Junior Varsity Prose 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 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. The use of a forensic notebook portrays the author's words.

Guidelines

- Time limit is 8 minutes; overtime grace period of 15 seconds; no minimum time.
- The selection is from a piece of literature that has merit; no play scripts or poetry.
- 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.
- The forensic notebook may be used creatively.
- A teaser (lines from the piece) may be used as an opener during which the notebook is to be open. It is to be closed for the introduction (citing title and author and optional background information), and then open for the presentation.
- VIOLATIONS:
 - Failure to cite title and author 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 finished, rank speakers by the point totals from the ballots; speakers can have the same point values but must 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. 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. 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, if any	Column 3: Add columns 1 & 2	Column 4: Final Rank Break any ties

