

JV Apologetics

Description: In Apologetics speaking, the speaker is given two minutes to prepare a speech which defends a tenet of the Christian faith. Apologetics should motivate students to study and articulate the core issues of their faith.

Preparation Rules:

1. Students prepare for Apologetics through Bible study, research, and topic organization. Topics will be chosen from the following:
 1. How do I know that Jesus actually rose from the dead?
 2. Who is God, and what are some of his characteristics?
 3. There are 7 billion other people in the world. Why would God care about me?
 4. How do you know the Bible is true?
 5. How does being a Christian affect your everyday life?
 6. God is full of grace. How does that affect your life?
 7. Why is Jesus special?
 8. Who wrote the Bible?
 9. What is sin?
 10. What does the Bible say about worship?
 11. Why is the Bible special?
 12. What is the plan for salvation?
 13. What are some big ways Christianity is different from other religions?
2. Each competitor should create a card file with Scripture, definitions, quotations, and any other material deemed to be helpful.
3. Students may work together on boxes prior to the tournament, but students may not share boxes during competition.

Presentation Rules:

1. At least one judge in each room will be given instructions and the envelope of topics to distribute to the participants.
2. In the room, the speaker will receive three single topics from the judge, choose one, and return the other two topics before leaving the room.
3. A two-minute preparation time begins as soon as the student receives the topic choices. The timepiece should be **facing toward the competitor**
4. During prep time, the speaker may use a Bible, access card files, and write additional notes on note cards.
5. During the speech, the speaker should use only note cards.
6. All directly quoted and/or paraphrased material should be properly cited in the speech.
7. Apologetics judges should be sympathetic to the ideals of Stoa.
8. Speeches should not exceed five (5) minutes. However, no student will be penalized for going over the suggested time, and there is no minimum speaking time.
9. The speech should be well-organized, including an introduction, in which **the question being answered must be stated**, 2-3 main points, and a conclusion.

Preparation time – two (2) minutes. Speaking time – five (5) minutes. No minimum time.