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# JV Biographical Informative

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**Description:** *JV Biographical Informative is a public address platform speech event in which the competitor presents an original, factual, memorized speech about the life of a historical or contemporary individual.*

*Platform speeches are individual events in which the competitor chooses a topic that meets the event's criteria, writes an original speech, memorizes it, and then presents it within the allowable time frame.*

*The use of visual aids is required; however, this does not include costumes*

**Goal:** *The purpose of JV biographical informative speech is not primarily to entertain, persuade, motivate, or explain something that is already common knowledge, but instead it is to provide the audience with new information about a person of interest.*

**Preparation Rules:** Each original JV biographical informative speech should be well-organized, and include an introduction with a clearly stated thesis, two to four main points with supporting sub-points, and a conclusion. Examples, illustrations, and definitions should be used as support for the main points of the speech. All direct quotations must be properly cited.

The Biographical Informative speech may be used in tournaments in multiple leagues during any given competitive season. However, the competitor may not reuse the same speech in subsequent years of competition. The competitor may enter only one speech per event.

The competitor must provide a script and a citation page at each tournament, along with the completed Platform Speech Script Submission Form. A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of directly quoted material.

### **Biographical Informative Presentation Rules:**

- A professional presentation is desirable, rather than a theatrical one. The use of visual aids is required.
- Speeches must be on the life of a real person. No fictional characters are permitted.
- All sources must be cited parenthetically, identified verbally within the speech, and documented on the citation page. Use of another person's words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and is strictly forbidden.
- Competitors may not receive or access any verbal, non-verbal, electronic, and/or written communication, nor any form of visual assistance during delivery of the speech. Audience members and/or judges may not be aids or active participants in the speech.
- The use of facial expression, vocal variety and gestures is encouraged. Physical movement, such as taking steps while speaking, should be limited to the center of the presentation space. Humor and satire are permitted. Vulgarity and inappropriate humor are not allowed. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
- The speech must be memorized and delivered as written in the script. The competitor will receive a two (2) rank penalty for use of a written script or notes in competition.
- The timepiece must be facing toward the competitor and counting up. The maximum speaking time is ten (8) minutes. There is no minimum time requirement.
- Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going overtime by 15 seconds or more.

**Speaking Time – Eight(8) Minutes No minimum time.**