



## CCofSE

# JV Great Speeches

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**Description:** *Interpretive speech events are events in which the competitors choose a selection (or selections) of literature and creatively interpret them, from memory, within a given time limit.*

**Goal:** *Great Speeches is an individual speech event in which a competitor interprets, from memory, a published, non-original speech of historical importance or contemporary significance. Allows speakers to study speeches given by exceptional communicators through the presentation of their words in an interpretive speech. In the process they will learn about audience analysis, the creative use of words, organization of thought and a persuasive use of ideas.*

**Preparation Rules:** This shall be a single speech (or cuttings from a single speech) from a published, printed source. Recorded speeches may be used only if they have also been published in print or online. Dramatic scripts, dialogue, and poetry are not allowed. Should have a positive, thought-provoking message that enriches or encourages the audience. It may be serious or humorous in nature. Must have been originally delivered to its intended audience by its author.

Consideration will be given to the literary and historical merit of the selection. The student should include information about the author, subject, original audience, and original occasion. The purpose is to justify in the introduction the importance or historical merit of the chosen selection.

### **Great Speeches Presentation Rules:**

- The competitor must give a unique interpretation of the speech. No more than 25% of the presentation may be the competitor's own words.
- Titles and Authors should be clearly communicated within an opening introduction.
- 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 competitor will receive a two (2) rank penalty for use of a written script or notes in competition.
- No props, audio, or visual aids may be used and only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
- The maximum speaking time is eight(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.** CCoFSE rules © 2024/2025