

Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association  
United States Extemporaneous Speaking – Comment Ballot

Performer \_\_\_\_\_ School # \_\_\_\_\_

Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Round 1 2 S F Section \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Performance \_\_\_\_\_ Rank (Circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*Rules: If a rule is broken, judge should lower performers one ranking and rating.*

\*Speaker will draw three topics and choose one topic to present.

\*Speaker will have 30 minutes to prepare speech.

\*Speaker must prepare speech in Extemp prep room.

\*Speaker will be present and ready to deliver speech within 30 minute prep time.

\*Topic slip must be given to judge prior to speech delivery.

\*Speaker may NOT use any notes or note card during speech presentation.

\*Movement is optional.

\*Internet access is allowed in speech prep to access research stored online and actively research during preparation.

Internet access is not guaranteed.

\*The time limit is 7 minutes with a 30 second "grace period. Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. No minimum time is mandated.

**Criteria For Evaluation:**

**Judge's Remarks:**

Organization: Speech is organized with introduction, body and conclusion evident. Introduction contains an attention device and thesis statement. Body has at least three main points. Conclusion contains a repeat of main points and an ending statement.

Analysis and Content: Speaker shows credibility and understanding of speech topic. Speaker uses logic and reasoning when presenting main points. Speaker uses factual data within speech. Speaker cites sources within speech.

Oral Presentation: Transitions are used and flow smoothly. Speaker uses appropriate emotions for topic and speech. Speaker uses fluid speech with good projection, articulation and clear diction. Speaker uses appropriate word choice.

Physical Presentation: Speaker uses appropriate body language and movement (optional). Speaker uses appropriate gestures. Speaker uses appropriate eye contact with audience. No nervous habits are evident during speech presentation.

Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ School # \_\_\_\_\_