

President's Essay/Oratory Contest 2020

COMPETITOR'S NAME:	JUDGE's ID:
TITLE OF SPEECH:	LENGTH OF SPEECH:

CATEGORY	4 Excellent	3 Good	2 Fair	1 Poor	SCORE
Preparedness	Student is completely prepared and has obviously rehearsed.	Student seems largely prepared but might have needed further rehearsal.	The student is somewhat prepared, but rehearsal was lacking.	Student does not seem prepared to present.	
Purpose/Thesis	Well developed and defined position that establishes a clear motive for speaking.	Good but formulaic position that establishes a motive for speaking.	Adequate position but not fully developed to establish the motive for speaking.	Poorly defined purpose that offers no context for speaking.	
Content	Central purpose is clearly supported with sound generalizations and specific, relevant details.	Central purpose is defined and supported with sound generalizations and largely relevant details.	Purpose is supported with adequate generalizations and detail but may be overly predictable.	Lacks substantial supporting evidence to support purpose; numerous unsound generalizations, and/or needless repetition.	
Source Citation	Three or more sources cited throughout the speech demonstrating relevance to the topic.	Two or more sources cited demonstrating some relevance to the topic.	One or more sources throughout the speech or citations used may have been unclear, limited, or irrelevant.	One or more sources throughout the speech that were not relevant to the topic presented.	
Posture and Eye Contact	Strong posture and/or stage presence; appears relaxed and confident. Establishes eye contact with everyone in the room.	Good posture and/or stage presence and establishes eye contact with everyone.	Adequate posture used; establish little eye contact with the audience.	Posture and/or stage presence are distracting and little to no eye contact established.	

Pitch and Volume	Pitch conveyed emotions appropriately. Speaker is heard by all audience members throughout the presentation.	Pitch used but the emotion conveyed was not always as expected. Speaker is heard by all audience members most of the time.	Pitch rarely used or emotion conveyed not expected. Speaker is heard by audience members some of the time.	Pitch was not used to convey emotion. Volume often too low to be heard by all audience.	
Speaks Clearly	Speaks clearly and distinctly throughout and no words mispronounced.	Speaks clearly and distinctly most of the time, but mispronounces a word or two.	Speaks clearly and distinctly much of the time. Mispronounces words on occasion.	Often mumbles or cannot be understood and/or mispronounces words.	
Appearance	Speaker is dressed professionally.	Speaker is dressed in business casual attire.	Speaker is dressed in business casual attire, but some elements may be distracting.	Speaker is not dressed in professional or business casual attire.	
Time-Limit	Within time limits for event.	N/A	NA	Not within time limits for event.	

Total: _____

Judge's Comments:
