**ORAL INTERPRETATION OF DRAMA**

Contestant(s): ________________________________ Code: __________

Title/Topic: __________________________________________________________________________________

Round: _______ Section: _______ Judge’s Name & Code: _______________________________

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**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

**SELECTION**

Is it suitable for this group and the event? Is it well arranged?

**PRESENTATION**

Is there an introduction that prepares listeners for the reading? Does the selection build to a climax? Is there unity in the whole presentation? Does it sustain a mood?

**CHARACTERIZATION**

Are the contestants believable? Do they portray the nuances of character? Do they utilize nonverbal as well as verbal communication? Are they poised?

**ENSEMBLE EFFECT**

Do the contestants work well together? Do they handle their scripts well? Does the staging enhance the presentation? Is there bodily responsiveness to the dialogue? Is there interaction between contestants? Are the movements and gestures suggested rather than acted? Is this an ensemble rather than several solos? Is off-stage focus or on-stage focus, or a combination of both, used effectively?

**OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS**

Is there empathetic appeal? Do the contestants understand the material and convey the thought and mood to the audience? Is there a feeling of completeness at the end? Is this a unified, balanced presentation? Do the contestants bring this play to life in the audience’s mind?

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**Reason for Decision:**

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**CIRCLE the RANK** of this entry in comparison to the others in this round. **THERE MAY BE NO TIES IN RANK.**

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**CIRCLE a RATING** for the quality of the speech.

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TIME ___________________

15 minute time limit.

No minimum. Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

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This entry is **DISQUALIFIED** for:

___ Deliberate touching during any part of the presentation, including the introduction.

___ Using costumes, make-up, properties, special lighting, or mechanical sound effects.

___ Each contestant not in possession of a paper manuscript. Not providing a paper manuscript at the request of the judge at the conclusion of the speech.

___ Less than three or more than five contestants.
DUET ACTING

Contestant(s): ____________________________________________________ Code: ________

Title/Topic: __________________________________________________________________________________

Round: _____ Section: _____ Judge’s Name & Code: ____________________________________________

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

SELECTION
Is the performance appropriate to the event and the actors? Is the performance sufficiently challenging? Is adequate and effective background material provided? Is the cutting arranged satisfactorily?

UNDERSTANDING
Do the actors understand the selection and convey this understanding to the audience?

CHARACTERIZATION
Do the actors demonstrate good vocal qualities? Do the actors convey understanding of the characters to the audience? Are the actors believable characters?

ENSEMBLE EFFECT
Do the actors convey emotional responsiveness? Do the actors use stage business, action/reaction, facial expression, and movement?

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS
Do the actors convey the mood of the selection? Is there a feeling of completeness? Is the playwright’s purpose accomplished?

Reason for Decision:

CIRCLE the RANK of this entry in comparison to the others in this round. THERE MAY BE NO TIES IN RANK.

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CIRCLE a RATING for the quality of the speech.

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SUPERIOR EXCELLENT GOOD

TIME
12 minute maximum time limit.
No minimum. Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

This entry is DISQUALIFIED for:

☐ Using scripts, hand props, mechanical sound effects, costuming, or make-up.
☐ Using more than two actors.
☐ Using more than two classroom chairs and a table.
ENTERTAINMENT

Contestant(s): ________________________________________________ Code: __________

Title/Topic: ________________________________________________________

Round: _____ Section: _____ Judge’s Name & Code: ________________________________

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

THESIS

ORGANIZATION
Is there an appropriate introduction? Is the speech logical and coherent? Is the structure clear and suitable? Are ideas effectively linked? Is the ending clear and satisfying?

CONTENT
Does the speech entertain? Amuse? Is there appropriate supporting material? Is there creativity? Originality? Does it contain elements of humor and/or fascination? Is it more than a series of jokes? Does the speech maintain attention and interest?

STYLE & LANGUAGE

DELIVERY

Reason for Decision:

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TIME ___________________. 8 minute maximum time limit. No minimum. Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

This entry is LOWERED ONE RANK for overtime exceeding 30 seconds

This entry is DISQUALIFIED for:

_____ Obviously not having an original performance.
_____ Using more than one 4” x 6” notecard.
_____ Using a notecard larger than 4” x 6”.
_____ Use of costumes or make-up.
EXTEMPORANEOUS

Contestant(s): ____________________________________________ Code: __________

Title/Topic: __________________________________________________________________________________

Round: _____ Section: _____ Judge’s Name & Code: ________________________________________________

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

ANALYSIS OF TOPIC
Is the purpose made clear? Is there a clear thesis? Does the contestant stick to the general and exact purpose of the topic? Does the speaker answer the question?

ORGANIZATION
Is there an appropriate introduction? Is the speech logical and coherent? Is the structure clear and suitable? Are ideas effectively linked? Is the ending clear and satisfying?

CONTENT
Is there sufficient supporting material? Is supporting material relevant, reliable, adequate, and/or documented? Is there critical thought? Creativity? Originality? Do examples and details add interest and depth? Does the speech maintain attention and interest?

STYLE & LANGUAGE

DELIVERY

Reason for Decision:

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TIME ___________________

5-7 minute time limit
Penalty for under- or overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

This entry is LOWERED ONE RANK for undertime or overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

This entry is DISQUALIFIED for:

Not presenting the judge with the topic drawn.

Not speaking on topic drawn.

Using more than one 4”x 6” notecard.

Using a card larger than 4” x 6” notecard.

Violating preparation room guidelines.
Contestant(s): ____________________________________________________________ Code: __________
Title/Topic: __________________________________________________________________________________
Round: _____ Section: _____ Judge’s Name & Code: ________________________________

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

SELECTION
Is the literature appropriate to the event? Is there an introduction which heightens understanding? Is this an original performance? Is the author and title clearly communicated? Is the program/theme unified? If used, are transitions suitable?

PHYSICAL RESPONSIVENESS
Does the contestant’s bodily responsiveness enhance the presentation? Is there poise? Polish? Control? Are gestures and movement effective? If used, are characters differentiated physically? If used, is the manuscript unobtrusive?

VOCAL QUALITIES
Does the contestant have vocal variety, control, strength, and believability? Do pace, pause, inflection, emphasis, and volume enhance the presentation? If used, are characters clearly distinguished?

PRESENTATION
Is the contestant believable? Controlled? Does the contestant understand the material and transfer its meaning to the audience? If used, is characterization consistent? Does it remain within the realm of suggestion? If used, is narration distinguished from characterization?

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS
Is the presentation spontaneous and genuine? Is the audience left with an understanding of the author’s purpose? Is there evidence of universality? Suggestion? Individuality? Is there a strong sense of mood?

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10 minute maximum time limit.
No minimum. Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

This entry is LOWERED ONE RANK for overtime exceeding 30 seconds
INFORMATIVE

Contestant(s): ____________________________________________ Code: __________

Title/Topic: ____________________________________________

Round: _____ Section: _____ Judge’s Name & Code: ________________________________

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

THESIS

ORGANIZATION
Is there an appropriate introduction? Is the speech logical and coherent? Is the structure clear and suitable? Are ideas effectively linked? Is the ending clear and satisfying?

CONTENT
Is there sufficient supporting material? Is supporting material relevant, reliable, adequate, and/or documented? Is there critical thought? Creativity? Originality? Do examples and details add interest and depth? Does the speech maintain attention and interest?

STYLE & LANGUAGE

DELIVERY

THESIS

CONTENT
Is there sufficient supporting material? Is supporting material relevant, reliable, adequate, and/or documented? Is there critical thought? Creativity? Originality? Do examples and details add interest and depth? Does the speech maintain attention and interest?

STYLE & LANGUAGE

DELIVERY

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No minimum. Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

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This entry is DISQUALIFIED for:

_____ Obviously not having an original performance.
_____ Using more than one 4” x 6” notecard.
_____ Using a notecard larger than 4” x 6”.

TIME 8 minute maximum time limit.
No minimum. Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

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**PERSUASIVE**

**Contestant(s):** ________________________________  **Code:**  

**Title/Topic:** ________________________________________________________________  

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**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

**THESIS**  

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This entry is **DISQUALIFIED** for:

- Extensive paraphrasing.
- Having more than 150 quoted words.
- Use of visual aids.
- Use of notecards.
- Obviously not having an original speech.
- At the request of the judge, at the conclusion of the speech, not providing a written or electronic manuscript.
POETRY

Contestant(s): __________________________________________ Code: __________

Title/Topic: __________________________________________________________________________________

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TIME   ___________  6-8 minute time limit.  Penalty for undertime or overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

This entry is LOWERED ONE RANK for undertime or overtime exceeding 30 seconds

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This entry is DISQUALIFIED for:

_____ The speaker not in possession of a script.

_____ The speaker did not present a paper manuscript at the request of the judge at the conclusion of the speech.

Reason for Decision:
CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

SELECTION
Is the literature appropriate to the event? Is there an introduction which heightens understanding? Is this an original performance? Is the author and title clearly communicated? Is the program/theme unified? If used, are transitions suitable?

PHYSICAL RESPONSIVENESS
Does the contestant's bodily responsiveness enhance the presentation? Is there poise? Polish? Control? Are gestures and movement effective? If used, are characters differentiated physically? If used, is the manuscript unobtrusive?

VOCAL QUALITIES
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OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS

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SUPERIOR EXCELLENT GOOD

TIME 10 minute maximum time limit. No minimum. Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds.

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