



INFORMATIVE SPEAKING SCORING GUIDE

Contestant # _____

Requirements: Entrants present original speeches of no longer than five minutes on a current topic. Entrants may incorporate visual aids into their speeches. Notes are limited to 3 x 5 cards.

Judging: Rate each criterion below on a 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest) scale. Tally the points for an overall score.

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Topic Selection	Topic not adapted for ease of understanding nor is deliverable in time permitted.		Topic adapted for ease of understanding and appreciation; delivered in time permitted.		Topic well adapted for ease of understanding; evokes strong audience response; easily delivered in time required.
Introduction	Fails to introduce context/purpose adequately.		Adequately establishes topic, purpose, and current importance.		Expertly establishes topic, context, and current importance.
Preparation	Has not sufficiently memorized or prepared the speech.		Has sufficiently memorized speech.		Memorization expertly rendered for flow and timing.
Informative Quality	Facts not presented in orderly fashion nor from reliable sources		Sources are reliable and presentation is logically ordered.		Varied and reliable sources; creative in presentation with strong transitions that signal and orderly development.
Delivery	Displays stage fright.		Presents with relative confidence and few distractions.		Establishes eye contact with audience; is poised and confident.
Overall Impression	Not impressed; information was neither interesting nor enlightening.		Impressed by the performance; gained some interesting info.		Carried into the speech itself through an exceptional rendering; gained insight and new information on the topic.

TOTAL SCORE: _____