



STORYTELLING SCORING GUIDE

Contestant # _____

Requirements: Entrants share memorized traditional stories from any culture or source with audience and judges. Story presentation should be a minimum of 3 minutes but not exceed five minutes.

Judging: Time limit is 3 – 5 minutes. Contestant should be stopped on time.

Judges should indicate when one minute of time is left. Rank each criterion on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest) and tally points for overall score.

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Organization and adaptation	Selection not adaptable to time limit; confusing		Selection has been adapted for time limit; moves in orderly fashion		Creative use of transitions and sequencing; excellent adaptation
Introduction	Fails to establish a context		Sets an appropriate context		Attention-getting; establishes context and mood well
Story-telling conventions	Fails to build toward a climax and resolution		Recognizable climax and resolution within time limit		Pace and intrigue add to a climactic resolution
Delivery	Needs more practice and better memorization		Performers familiar and comfortable with story		Expression, voice, gestures, and eye contact add to strong narrative
Overall Impression	Difficulty staying involved		Evokes some interest and response to story		Entertaining and provocative

TOTAL SCORE: _____