



Dogwood Speech and Debate League Speech/IE Critique Sheet

ROUND: 1 2 3 4 5 Q S F

SECTION: _____

EVENT: **Declamation**

SPEAKER'S NAME: _____

CODE: _____

ROOM #: _____ TITLE/TOPIC OF PERFORMANCE: _____

Judge Instructions: Please use the space below to write substantive comments about the performance of the speaker. It is important that you identify areas of both strength weakness for improvement. Questions regarding the rules of the event may be found in the DSDL Judging Manual or by asking the tournament official at the ballot check-in table. Evaluate the speaker using the following criteria. There is a 7 minute maximum time limit with a 30 second grace period. If a contestant goes over the 30 second grace period, they cannot be ranked first. Do not penalize unless you have given clear time signals & have used a digital timer. Notes may not be used during the presentation.

Introduction: Are the title and author clearly stated? The introduction must name the work, author, provide necessary background information and establish the mood. Is the information relevant to and sufficient for the scene?

Presentation Style: Did the speaker convey the message in a sincere, honest and realistic attempt to recreate the spirit of the original presentation? Was the message conveyed credibly and convincingly as if the words were the speaker's own? This event is an interpretation, not an impersonation.

Voice, Diction, and Delivery: Is pronunciation acceptable? Is enunciation distinct? Is the performer speaking clearly? Are pitch, rate, and volume appropriate? Is there enough vocal variety? Do gestures and expressions contribute to the interpretation of the material?

Physical Delivery: Did the speaker do the following: vary facial expression to accentuate the natural flow of thoughts and feelings, convey emotion through their eyes to communicate thinking and feeling, make eye contact with the audience? Were the speaker's movements controlled without being distracting? Movement if used should be motivated by transitions in thought or mood. Gestures should be visible, effectively used for emphasis, and varied.

Overall Effect: Does the speaker project an understanding of the speech's message? Does the speaker instill in the audience a concern for the speech's content? The original speaker's message should not be overshadowed by the Delivery Consideration should be given to the oratorical merit of the selection

RANKS & POINTS

Judges: The master ballot will provide some clarification on ranks and points.

This speaker earned a rank of **1 2 3 4 5 6/7** out of _____ in this round. (There are no ties permitted)

This speaker earned a total of _____ points in this round. (Points range from 80 – 100. Think of 80 as a C/average and 100 as an A+/perfect & ties are permitted).

Judge Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

School affiliation: _____

Briefly explain your REASON for Decision: