

Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association
U. S. Extemporaneous Speaking

Performer _____ School Number _____

Topic: _____

Judge _____ Time of Performance _____

Type of Round:	Prelim			Semis			Finals			
Ranking in Round: (No Ties with Ranking.)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	
Rating of Performance:	Superior			Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor

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Rules: If a rule is broken, judge should lower performers one ranking and rating.

- *Speaker will draw three topics and choose one topic to present.
- *Speaker will have 30 minutes to prepare speech.
- *Speaker must prepare speech in Extemp prep room.
- *Speaker will be present and ready to deliver speech within 30 minute prep time.
- *Topic slip must be given to judge prior to speech delivery.
- *Speaker may NOT use any notes or note card during speech presentation.
- *Movement is optional.
- *Internet access is NOT allowed in speech prep. Students may use a computer with downloaded files, but may not use internet for research.
- *The time limit is 7 minutes with a 30 second "grace period. Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. There is no other prescribed penalty for going over the grace period. No minimum time is mandated.

Criteria	Not Evident	Needs Improvement	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Speech is organized with introduction, body and conclusion evident.					
At least three main points are presented in body of speech.					
Speaker shows credibility and understanding of speech topic.					
Speaker uses logic and reasoning when presenting main points.					
Speaker uses factual data within speech.					
Speaker cites sources within speech.					
Transitions are used and flow smoothly.					
Speaker uses appropriate body language and movement (optional) for speech delivery.					
Speaker uses appropriate gestures for speech delivery.					
Speaker uses appropriate emotions for topic and speech.					
Speaker uses fluid speech with good projection, articulation and clear diction.					
Speaker uses appropriate word choice.					
Speaker uses appropriate eye contact with audience.					
No nervous habits are evident during speech presentation.					

Strengths / Weaknesses:

_____ Judge's Signature