

IMPROMPTU JUDGE WORKSHEET

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NAME OF JUDGE _____

ROOM _____ ROUND# _____

Impromptu is a limited preparation speech in which the speaker is given two minutes to prepare a five-minute speech on a randomly drawn topic.

Judging Rules

- The speech must be an original work, prepared on the spot.
- All topics in a given round should be one of either: quotations, phrases, or abstract words. Rounds should alternate between quotations, phrases, and abstract words.
- All judges will have a list of topics for the round.
- A judge in each room will have the envelope of topics for the round. The judge will remove the topics from the envelope and place them face down on the table. The speaker will draw three topics, choose one, and return the other two. Prep time begins when student draws the first topic. The speaker may keep all three topics during their prep time; the speaker may take his chosen topic out of the room at the end of his speech.
- No outside sources may be brought into the room other than a blank piece of paper. The student may write notes on a blank piece of paper during prep time, but no written notes may be used during the speech.
- The chosen topic paper may be held and quoted from during the speech. No notes may be written on the chosen topic paper.
- Unused preparation time may not be added to the speaking time.
- The student must state the chosen topic early in the speech. A one rank penalty is required for failure to do so.
- Students must adhere to the chosen topic. The topic should be the central theme of the speech. A one rank penalty is required for failure to do so.
- Props, audiovisuals, and gratuitous vulgarity are not allowed.
- Speakers may not listen to other Impromptu speakers before speaking themselves. They may remain in the room after giving their speech.
- Humor and satire are permitted.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- Students are permitted to express opinions which are contrary to those of the judge.
- Each speech should be evaluated on the quality of the analysis and presentation, not the opinions presented.
- Time limit: 2 minutes preparation time; 5 minutes maximum speaking time. There is no minimum time.

Tabulation Worksheet Instructions

- Rank presentations according to preference, 1 being the best, 2 being second best, etc., in the *Original Rank* column.
- Record penalties from the violations portion of the ballot in the *Penalties in Rank* column. Record a zero for no penalties.
- For violations requiring a penalty, the Ballot Checkers will assist you with the *Re-Ranking* and *Final Rank* columns.
- If there are no violations, fill in the *Final Rank* column.
- Circle the final rank on each corresponding ballot.

NAME OF SPEAKER	TOPIC	ORIGINAL RANK	PENALTIES IN RANK	RE-RANKING	FINAL RANK
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