



*Digital Presentation
is an original
platform speech that
informs or persuades
and is accompanied
by digital visual aids.*

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Event Rules

Platform Speech

1. **General Speech Rules and Script Rules** must be followed in addition to these Event Rules.
2. **Speech time** is limited to a 10-minute maximum.
3. **An original work** must be presented. Original indicates that the speech is scripted word-for-word by the speaker.
4. **Characterization** may comprise up to 150 total words in the speech. Characterization refers to acting or speaking in a manner other than that of the speaker.
5. **Direct quotations** may comprise up to 350 words of the total words in the speech.
6. **Sources for supporting material** must be verbally stated in the speech, parenthetically cited following the material in the script, and listed on the Works Cited page.
 - **Supporting material** includes another person's information, details, research, theories, stories, or ideas whether directly quoted or summarized.
 - **Common knowledge** that is known to most people does not need to be cited in any way.
7. **A digital presentation** must accompany the speech:
 - **A minimum of five slides** must be used, not including the introductory and concluding slides.
 - **The presentation must begin** with an introductory slide with only a topic or title visible to the judges. The presentation must conclude with a slide that does not include text, animations, or additional images. Background templates are acceptable.
 - **Video, audio, and/or audiovisual clip(s)** may be used in the presentation and must not exceed a combined total of 20 seconds.
 - **Citations for non-original graphics or video, audio, and/or audiovisual clip(s)** must be visible on the slide.

- **Equipment requirements and limitations:**
 - **The presentation** must be downloaded onto a device (e.g., laptop, tablet, etc.) provided by the speaker and run independently of any need for WiFi.
 - **Any wireless presenter remote or external speakers**, if desired, must be provided by the speaker.
 - **A projector, screen, and device platform**, provided by tournament administration, must be used and may not be relocated.
 - **Any necessary adaptor** for connection to the projector must be provided by the speaker.
 - **Power cords for a competitor's device** may not be plugged into outlets in the competition room.
 - **Assistance with a speaker's set up or equipment** is not permitted in the competition room before, during, or after the speech.
 - **Set up** must not exceed two minutes.
 - **Special accommodations** will not be made for a speaker's equipment failure.

8. During the delivery of the speech:

- **The presentation** may only be displayed on a single monitor in addition to the screen.
- **Use of presenter view** is permitted. Use of presenter notes is not permitted.
- **Visual aids** are not permitted. Visual aids are items other than the digital presentation used to enhance the speech.
- **Room lighting** may not be altered.