



Informative is an original platform speech that explains a significant topic.

Informative 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 (e.g. accents, singing, spoken word poetry, etc.).
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. **Visual aids** are not permitted. Visual aids are items used to enhance the speech.