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JV Original Oratory

Description: *An Original Oratory is a prepared speech written by a competitor on a topic of the competitor's choice.*

Goal: *To develop a winsome, polished speaker who can present an engaging, well-organized informative speech that explains, describes, or exposes a topic.*

Preparation Rules: The competitor may prepare a speech on any topic. The speech may inform, entertain, inspire, or eulogize. The speech must be an original work written by the competitor.

The Original Oratory speech may be used in tournaments in multiple leagues during any given competitive season. However, the competitor may not reuse the same speech in subsequent years of competition. The competitor may enter only one speech per event. The competitor must provide a script and a citation page at each tournament, along with the completed Platform Speech Script Submission Form. A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of directly quoted material.

 Presentation Rules:

- All sources must be cited parenthetically, identified verbally within the speech, and documented on the citation page. Use of another person's words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and is strictly forbidden.

- The speech must be memorized and delivered as written in the script. The competitor will receive a two (2) rank penalty for use of a written script or notes in competition.

- Competitors may not receive or access any verbal, non-verbal, electronic, and/or written communication, nor any form of visual assistance during delivery of the speech. Audience members and/or judges may not be aids or active participants in the speech.

- No props, audio, or visual aids may be used and only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.

- The maximum speaking time is eight (8) minutes. There is no minimum time requirement. Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going overtime by 15 seconds or more.
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