



## CCofSE

### JV Open Interp

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**Description:** *Interpretive speech events are events in which the competitors choose a selection (or selections) of literature and creatively interpret them, from memory, within a given time limit.*

**Goal:** *Open Interpretation is an interpretive speech event in which a competitor seeks to interpret and develop the intellectual, emotional, and artistic aspects of a selection(s) of literature for a uniquely original presentation.*

**Preparation Rules:** Literature may be chosen from any genre, including, but not limited to plays, poems, novels, short stories, children's literature, song lyrics, great speeches, biographies, Bible, essays, or self-written work. There is no limit to the number of added words allowed. Blogs or media transcriptions from movies, TV, or video or audio recordings are not allowed.

#### **Open Interp Presentation Rules:**

- The presentation may include narrative storytelling, single-voice monologues, or thematic compilations.
- Titles and Authors should be clearly communicated within an opening introduction prior to selection. Judges should hear a clear and complete development of purpose from the beginning to the end of the speech.
- Scoring and ranking will be based on the skill of interpretation, and how effectively the speech is developed and communicated.
- 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. The competitor will receive a two (2) rank penalty for use of a written script or notes in competition.
- 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 six (6) minutes. There is no minimum time requirement. Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going overtime by 15 seconds or more.

**Speaking Time – Six (6) Minutes - No minimum time.**