



Round:

Speaker Code:

Speaking Time:

Judge:

MEMORIZED PUBLIC ADDRESS (MPA) COMMENT SHEET

MPA is an event based on rhetorical analysis, speech significance and speaking ability. The material used in this event should include only those speeches which have originally been presented by the author as an address in a speaker-audience situation. The content of the speeches must have statewide, national or international significance.

The address is the quoted material, while the contestant's original analysis includes the historical and social context of the address and the author's background and purposes in presenting the speech. The analysis may be included any time throughout the presentation. Each speaker should be free to organize the analysis according to the individual style and be judged as to how competent the speaker was in analyzing the original speech and how effective the presentation was.

The mechanics of speech must be observed faithfully –poise, quality and use of voice, effectiveness and ease of gesture, emphasis, variety and enunciation. In addition, the contestant must be able to interpret the full meaning of the oration and provide effective rhetorical analysis to the audience. During the delivery of the presentation, no manuscript may be held or referred to by the contestant. Memorization is mandatory.

Presentations should be appropriate for all audiences.

Circle the Place (Rank) in this round (1st is best - no ties)

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

Please list your observations and recommendations to assist the competitor in improving in specific areas:

Competitor Does Well

Competitor Needs Improvement

Effectiveness of Analysis	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
Significance of Selection	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
Clear, Coherent Organization	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
Quality and Use of Voice	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
Poise & Presence	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
Overall Delivery/Total Program	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve

Please use this holistic rubric to give appropriate feedback to the contestant.

Rate the Performer in this Round (ties are permitted)

Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
30 or 29	28 or 27	26 or 25 or 24	23 or 22	21 or 20