



MASSACHUSETTS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

Declamation Response Ballot

Student Code _____ Student Name _____ Round I II III F

Title of Selection/Author _____ Total Time: _____

Declamation: An event in which the student delivers a readily accessible spoken speech, from text or memory, which was originally written and given as a public address by another speaker. The student should effectively convey the message of the original speaker in a sincere and realistic style--imitation is *not* the goal. The presentation must include an introduction (author, place, and date of delivery) and any other relevant information about the author, oration or its historical significance at some point. (**Note:** Do not critique the content of the message presented, as it is not the work of the individual student. Evaluate the student's presentation regardless of your own opinion on the subject matter.)
Time limit: 7 minutes with a 30-second grace period. Judges should offer to provide visual time signals.

During this performance the student demonstrates the following skills:	Excellently Throughout	Usually	Some-times	Improve Here
INTRODUCTION: provided substantial and compelling information that set up the speaker's text; was delivered in a conversational manner.				
AUTHENTICITY: Did the speaker make an honest connection to the content of the speech? Did the speaker make you feel that the words were their own?				
VOCAL VARIATION: effectively varies volume, pitch, speaking rate, tone, pauses, emphasis and mood.				
PHYSICAL VARIETY: uses eye contact and varies facial expressions, gestures, and body language to support their presentation.				
CONNECTION TO AUDIENCE: creates interest and holds your attention; appears poised, confident and comfortable during the presentation.				

Based on your choices above, suggest a specific improvement that this student could make to better their presentation.	
Based on your choices above, describe a specific outstanding part of this student's presentation.	

Please use the space below to write your observations and comments *while* the student is presenting. Students welcome your additional responses here and on the back of this page. Thank you!

Judge's Code _____ Judge's School _____ Judge's Name _____

Students who speak beyond 7minutes, 30seconds may not be ranked 1st. Check here if over 7:30

PLEASE DO NOT TIE STUDENTS IN EITHER RANK OR RATING Rank (1st-9th) _____

80-85 Fair 86-90 Good 91-95 Excellent 96-100 Superior Rating (100-80) _____