

Impromptu Children's Literature Judge Instructions:

1. In this solo event, students in the round will first check in, give their ballots to the judges and be given the speaker order.
2. The first student will be called, pick 3 stories from the master envelope and then quickly decide which story to present. The two unselected stories should be returned to the master envelope. Judges will begin timing and provide verbal time signals as the student practices and plans. (It is recommended that the speaker practice this out loud to a wall as in a warm up). The practice is NOT judged.
3. When the student is ready, they will begin to present the story and judges will switch to visual time signals for the remainder of the time limit. Speaker should read the title and author of the piece when they begin.
4. The student should present the selected story using vocal skills, pops, voices, gestures, facial expressions and focal points as appropriate.
5. Once the student has finished, their time will be recorded. Judges may take a few minutes to finish the ballot. **Time limit: 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period to be divided at the student's discretion between prep and presentation.** Any speaker going beyond the grace period may not be placed 1st.
6. Repeat from step 2 until all speakers have had their turn.