



# MASSACHUSETTS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

## Interpretation of Prose Response Ballot

Student Code \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Round I II III F

Title of Selection/Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prose:** *an excerpt from a readily accessible novel, short story, letter, diary or essay; fiction or non-fiction, delivered by a single student from a required text using no props or costumes. This event is designated as a "reading" event, therefore the student should strive to bring the material to life using vocal skills, facial expressions, body postures and gestures while movement around the presentation area should be minimal. Students are required to provide brief introductory remarks at some point, which at the least must identify the title and author of the work.*

**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:	Excellent Throughout	Usually	Some- times	Improve Here
ENGAGING NARRATION: creates interest and holds your attention. Invites you with their eyes to listen to their performance.				
VOCAL VARIATION: effectively varies volume, pitch, speaking rate, tone, pauses, emphasis and mood.				
PHYSICAL VARIETY: uses and varies facial expressions, gestures, and body language to enhance their performance.				
DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERS (if applicable): uses body, focal points, voices and gestures to create different, believable characters.				
FOCAL POINTS (if applicable): creates consistent and clear focal points that successfully create the illusion of the characters talking to each other (not to the audience).				
<b>Based on your choices above, suggest a specific improvement this student could make to better their performance.</b>				
<b>Based on your choices above, describe a specific outstanding part of this student's performance.</b>				

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) \_\_\_\_\_