



Montana High School Association
 1 South Dakota Avenue
 Helena, MT 59601

Round: Speaker Code: Speaking Time: Judge:

Original Oratory Speaking Comment Sheet

Orations are written by the speaker and must be persuasive in nature. Oratory is an event based on analysis, organization, and speaking ability. Persuasion encourages the listener to adapt or reinforce a particular point of view. Speakers should be given wide latitude in the ideas expressed. During the delivery of an oration, no manuscript may be held or referred to by the contestant. Memorization is mandatory. The mechanics of speech must be observed faithfully –poise, quality and use of voice, effectiveness and ease of gesture, emphasis, variety and enunciation.

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

Persuasiveness	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
Development of Topic	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
Quality of Writing	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

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