

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
SPEECH & DRAMA INVITATIONALS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

# ORIGINAL ORATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CODE # \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ ROUND \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*"An original oration shall be defined as a memorized, original, persuasive speech with a unique approach to a universal theme. The speech shall not be more than 10 minutes in length"*

—KSHSAA Speech and Drama Manual

**Please write judge's comments on the front and the back of this ballot.  
Remember, this is to be a learning experience.**

**Some considerations in judging Original Oration:**

**Content**

- A. Is the subject matter intrinsically worthwhile?
- B. Is the approach fresh, original in its concept and free of stereotyped clichés?

**Organization**

- A. Does the speaker present the introduction and conclusion in an adequate manner?
- B. Does the speaker use an appropriate organizational pattern?
- C. Does the speaker make his/her points and transitions in an adequate manner?

**Diction**

- A. Is the language of the speech appropriate, communicative and forceful?
- B. Is the voice pleasant, distinct and responsive?
- C. Does the speaker employ proper pronunciation and effective enunciation?

**Delivery**

- A. Is the speaker sincere, direct, animated and persuasive?
- B. Is there an absence of distracting gestures, quirks and mannerisms?
- C. Is the speech itself delivered in the best accepted manner of oratory?

**Time Limit:** If an official timekeeper is present, any performance in excess of the 15-second grace period shall not receive the "I" ranking in the round. Any performer(s) exceeding 30 seconds over the time limit shall receive the lowest ranking in the round. If no official timekeeper is present, no penalty shall be enforced. THE JUDGE SHALL NOT SERVE AS OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER.

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**RANK CONTESTANTS CONSECUTIVELY (1st = BEST)**

Check **ONE RANK ONLY**. *No two contestants may receive the same rank.*

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th  6th  7th  8th  9th  10th

Check **ONE NUMBER ONLY (25 = BEST)** for **QUALITY POINTS**

*Contestants may receive the same quality points.*

25  24  23  22  21  20  19  18  17  16  15  14  13  12  11  10

**Comments:**