



Texas Forensic Association

Impromptu Speaking Ballot

Contestant's Name: Frank Longbottom School Code: 14

Round: 2 Section: 5 Speaker Number: 4

Topic: "The most wasted day of all is that in which we have not laughed." Time: Prep: 1:15

Judge's Instructions: Spoke: 3:52

Evaluate the speaker using the following *Criteria*. Please offer justification for the ranking in the round and provide constructive suggestions to improve the student's skills.

Criteria for Evaluation

Analysis and Content: Did the speaker analyze the topic adequately? Did the content show that the speaker has adequate knowledge of the subject? Was the content relevant to the topic?

Introduction: Did the speaker get your attention and introduce the subject in an interesting manner? Did it relate to the rest of the speech?

Organization: Were the ideas carefully selected and set forth in the speech?

Supporting Materials: Did the speaker have adequate support for his/her assertions? Was the evidence pertinent and logically set forth?

Style: Did the speaker exhibit command of informal conversational style, rather than stilted or formal usage? Was the language communicative rather than "memorized?"

Oral Presentation: Was the speaker's speech devoid of dialectical errors, mannerisms, etc. that call attention to themselves rather than communicate the ideas presented? Did the speaker's bodily action contribute to his/her skill of communication?

Judge's Remarks

Analysis was pretty good - nice example of personal experience of laughing in the face of tragedy.

I suggest starting with something other than the quote itself for your intro. Since the topic was about laughter you could have easily told me a joke!

Make sure your speech is organized - don't just ramble on. It should follow this format:

- Introduction
- Preview points
- Point 1
- Point 2
- etc.
- Review points
- Conclusion

You have a very nice casual voice. I enjoyed listening to you speak. The main thing you should focus on is working on the organization of your speech so that it is easy to follow.

Try not to fidget with your hands. Relax!

Overall pretty good development. Just try to incorporate more examples.

Rank the speaker. Circle one (1st being best, etc.)

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

Judge's Signature Harry Potter

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