2023 Lakeville North Speech tournament

IMPROMPTU INSTRUCTIONS

Impromptu is designed to challenge students to create an interpretation of the prompt and use it to create an argument or thesis that the speech will support.

Format:

- Prompts – On the back of this sheet are two quotes. When your speaker is ready, hand them the sheet so they can choose one to use for their speech. All speakers in the round will utilize the same two quotes so make sure they return it to you.
- Time – Speakers are provided seven minutes to make their selection, prepare their speech, and deliver the speech. When they receive this sheet, you should begin the timer, and we strongly encourage you to provide time signals.

Judging Criteria:

- Comprehension – You should evaluate whether the contestant understood and was able to explain the meaning of the given quotation.
- Content – You should evaluate the students on their use of logic, reasoning, and examples to support their analyses of the quotations.
- Creativity – You should evaluate the students' creativity and originality as they explore the quotations.

Other Notes:

- Actual speaking order will likely vary significantly from what is listed on the ballots. You should remain at the speaking space until all students have had a chance to speak, recognizing that there may be some periods of downtime between speeches.
- Speakers should NOT observe other speeches prior to their own because all speakers in the section share the prompts. If a speaker observes prior speeches, they should be ranked last in the round.