

OATS #4 (2024-25)

Impromptu Speaking

Students will submit two videos. Impromptu prompts will be quotations from marginalized groups.

We trust all students and coaches to adhere to Limited Prep guidelines and ethical competition choices for preparation. Please include prep time in Impromptu videos (this can make starting the video camera easier for students, and assessing time allocation possible for judging). All Impromptu judges will be reminded to allow an initial 15 seconds for competitors to read the quotations, before beginning time.

Video 1

Without moral and intellectual independence, there is no anchor for national independence.

David Ben-Gurion
Primary National Founder
State of Israel

The sad truth is that most evil is done by people who never make up their minds to be good or evil.

Hannah Arendt
Jewish-German
Philosopher

Video 2

This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before.

Leonard Bernstein
Jewish-American
Composer

Dissents speak to a future age.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Jewish-American
Supreme Court Justice