

Apologetics

Question _____

Time of speech: _____ (Max time 6 minutes)

More weight is given to content than presentational style.

Speaker:

Judge:

Date:

Round:

Room:

Please circle the FINAL ranking at the end of the round:

#1 First

#2 Second

#3 Third

#4 Fourth

#5 Fifth & Below

Criteria	Needs improvement	Developing	Good	Excellent	Comments
Answers Question	The student didn't answer the question.	The answer is vague or confusing.	The answer is generally clear.	The student gives a crystal-clear answer.	
Speech Structure (Introduction Main Points Conclusion)	Introduction is missing or ineffective. Speech is disorganized. Conclusion is missing or unclear.	Introduction is weak. Body needs better organization or transitions. Conclusion is weak.	Introduction is effective. Body is well-organized. Conclusion offers a sense of closure.	Introduction is captivating. Main points have support with transitions. Conclusion is powerful, leaving a profound, lasting impression.	
Addresses those curious about Christianity	Uses religious terminology, assumes the audience is Christian.	Explains some of the religious terminology in the speech.	Explains religious terminology.	Thoughtfully addresses those curious, fostering a genuine connection.	
Bible Verses Explained & In-Context.	Missing or unclear use of Bible verses.	Bible verses are present but inadequately explained.	Bible verses are explained, but may lack depth.	Bible verses are meticulously selected and explained within their theological context.	
Other sources included	Missing additional sources.	May have an additional source with no explanation.	Additional sources with explanation.	Additional sources strengthen the argument.	
Conversational & Caring	Speaker seems nervous or unsure.	Speaker tries to connect with the audience.	Speaker connects with the audience.	Speaker feels like a friend sharing from the heart.	

Overtime 15 seconds or more: PENALTY of moving down one rank (please check if applicable) _____