

Informative Ballot

Topic _____

Time of speech: _____ (Max time 10 minutes)

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
Introduction (Hooks, states topic, previews main points)	Introduction is confusing, and/or fails to establish the topic.	Introduction is present but either lacks a strong hook or is somewhat unclear.	Introduction is effective, clearly stating the topic and providing a decent hook and preview.	Introduction is highly engaging, immediately hooks the audience, and clearly previews the topic and main points.	
Depth of Information (Is the topic thoroughly explored?)	The speech provides very little substantive information or lacks credible support.	The speech somewhat explores the topic but lacks depth or important details.	The speech covers the topic well with sufficient sources and detail to provide a good understanding.	The speech explores the topic in exceptional depth, offering nuanced understanding and comprehensive details.	
Conclusion (Summarizes, leaves a lasting impression)	The conclusion is missing, confusing, or leaves the audience feeling unresolved.	The conclusion is present but might be weak, abrupt, or fail to fully summarize the content.	The conclusion effectively summarizes the content and provides a clear and satisfying ending.	The conclusion provides a strong summary, reinforces the main message, and leaves a lasting impression.	
Delivery & Presentation (Easy to listen and watch)	Difficult to understand. Low volume. Pacing is too fast/slow throughout. Little to no eye contact. Gestures are distracting. Fails to connect with the audience.	Voice is sometimes unclear or sounds flat. Noticeable hesitations. Eye contact is inconsistent. Gestures sometimes distracting.	Voice is generally clear. Pacing is appropriate. Eye contact is good. Gestures are generally natural. Speaker shows good enthusiasm.	Voice is easy to understand. Excellent volume. Pacing is dynamic. Great eye contact. Natural gestures. Speaker conveys exceptional enthusiasm.	

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