

Expository

Description: *An Expository speech is a prepared speech, written by the competitor, which explains or “exposes” a topic with the help of visual aids.*

Goal: *To develop a winsome, polished speaker who can present a creative, well-organized speech while constructively employing audio/visual aids or props.*

Expository Preparation Rules:

1. The competitor may prepare a speech on any topic.
2. The primary purpose of an Expository speech is to inform, but it may also persuade, entertain, or fulfill any other function.
3. The speech must be an original work, written by the competitor and scripted verbatim.
4. A speech may be used in multiple leagues during any given competitive season, but if the competitor uses a speech topic in any competition in any venue, that competitor may not reuse it in subsequent years of competition. Competitors may appeal in special situations.
5. The speech may be entered in only one category per tournament (e.g., either Expository or Persuasive but not both). The competitor may place the speech in a different category in subsequent tournaments.
6. The competitor may enter only one speech per category.
7. The competitor must submit a typewritten hard copy of the speech and a Citation Page along with the completed Platform Speech Script Submission Form at tournament registration.
8. Copyrighted Expository images must also be cited on the final Citation Page.
9. A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of quoted material.

Expository Presentation Rules:

1. All direct quotations and primary **sources must be cited verbally** within the body of the speech. Use of another person’s words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and it is strictly forbidden.
2. The script must be memorized. No scripts or notes may be referred to in competition rounds. Competitors will receive a two (2) rank penalty for use of a script or notes in competition.
3. Visual aids may be used.
4. Audio aids and effects may be used.
5. Computers may be used.
6. All equipment for the speech must be provided by the competitor unless otherwise stated by tournament officials (e.g., projectors, screens, power cords etc.).
7. The competitor must set up props (and other aids) without any assistance.
8. Each speaker has approximately two minutes for setup.
9. Any special clothing related to the speech may only be put on and taken off, or displayed and hidden during the course of the speech.
10. The presentation area must be left in the same condition as it was prior to the speech.
11. Use of weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices is prohibited.
12. Nothing may be distributed or offered to the judges or audience members.
13. People and live animals may not be used as aides in the speech.
14. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
15. The timekeeper will start the digital timepiece when the competitor begins and will stop the digital timepiece when
16. Stoa expects competitors to complete presentations within the event time, except for extenuating circumstances (e.g.: laughter, timing issues, etc.).
17. Maximum speaking time is ten (10) minutes.

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