

Expository

Description: *An Expository is a prepared speech written by the competitor which explains and illustrates a topic through both words and visuals (e.g. illustrated boards, physical props, digital and electronic presentations, or any combination).*

Goal: *To develop a winsome, polished speaker who has learned to constructively use chosen media to enhance the topic.*

Expository Preparation Rules:

1. The competitor may prepare a speech on any topic.
2. The primary purpose of an Expository 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.
4. An Expository may be used in multiple leagues during any given competitive season. However, if the competitor uses a speech topic in any competition in any venue, that competitor may not reuse it in subsequent years of competition.
5. The speech may be entered in only one event per tournament (e.g., either Expository or Persuasive but not both). The competitor may place the speech in a different event in subsequent tournaments.
6. The competitor may enter only one speech per event.
7. The competitor must provide a script and a citation page (if needed) at each tournament, along with the completed Platform Speech Script Submission Form. All sources must be **cited in text and orally within the speech**. Note: Electronic Script Submission is required at NITOC.
8. Copyrighted images must also be cited on the final citation page but need not be cited in text.
9. A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of directly quoted material.

Expository Rules:

1. All direct quotations and primary **sources must be cited verbally** within the body of the speech.
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. Audio / Visual aids and effects may be used.
4. Computers may be used.
5. **Tournaments shall provide access to power outlet in presentation rooms.**
6. All props and equipment needed for the speech must be **provided by the competitor.** (*e.g., projectors, screens, power cords, etc.*)
7. Each speaker has approximately two minutes for setup.
8. Any special clothing related to the speech may only be put on or displayed during the course of the speech.
9. The presentation area must be left in the same condition as it was prior to the speech.
10. Use of weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices is prohibited.
11. Nothing may be distributed or offered to the judges or audience members.
12. People and live animals may not be used as aides in the speech.
13. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
14. Timepiece must be **facing toward the competitor and counting up**. Local tournaments may still choose to give hand signals every minute until ten (10) minutes have elapsed.
15. Maximum speaking time is ten (10) minutes. There is no minimum time requirement.
16. Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going over time by 15 seconds or more.

Speaking Time – ten (10) minutes.