

Purpose: Platform speech scripts should contain the exact text of the student’s original speech for the purposes of accountability. Though the speech must be original, it may consist of support from outside sources. The sources of any contributing information must be formally cited so that credit is given where credit is due. The script preparation instructions below will assist with that process.

1. The speech must be an original work, written by the student.
2. The student must submit a typewritten copy of the speech.
3. All sources must be cited in the text of the speech, identified verbally within the speech, and documented on the citation page.
4. All direct quotations must be underlined.
5. No more than 30% of the speech may consist of direct quotations.
6. A Citation Page must be created on a separate page at the end of the speech. Any format is acceptable. *(May use www.easybib.com or other application to assist with the Citation Page.)*
7. All sources must be included on the Citation Page.
8. Copyrighted Expository graphics and images must be cited on the Citation Page.
9. A current Script Submission Form must be submitted with the speech script at each tournament.

If for some reason the competitor is unable to comply with the script submission requirements, or if the competitor is missing some required element, a brief explanation should be attached to the Script Submission Form for consideration by tournament administration. No student should be disqualified from tournament competition due to a script formatting error.

Competitor _____ **Date** _____

Coach/parent _____

Cell phone # _____

Club _____ **State** _____ **Tournament** _____

Topic _____ **Event** _____

Directly Quoted Words: _____

% Directly Quoted Words: _____

Total Word Count: _____

Parent/Coach: By initialing or checking each section and signing below, **you are verifying** that the student has met each of the listed criteria below.

- ____ 1. **Speech script is typewritten.**
- ____ 2. **Direct quotations are underlined.**
- ____ 3. **All sources are cited in the text of the speech, written for verbal identification when delivering the speech, and documented on the citation page.**
- ____ 4. **Citation Page is included on a separate page at the end of the speech.**
- ____ 5. **Current Script Submission Form is attached.**
- ____ 6. **Parent and/or coach signatures are included.**
- ____ 7. **The number of total words is recorded.**
- ____ 8. **The number of directly quoted words is recorded.**
- ____ 9. **The percentage of quoted words is recorded.**
- ____ 10. **No more than 30% of the speech consists of direct quotations.**

I have read the attached speech and approve its use by my son/daughter.

Parent _____ **Date** _____

I certify that this script is an original work, prepared for the current competition season and written by me. I have read the rules on the Stoa website, and to the best of my knowledge this speech is in compliance with the Stoa rules for this event.

Competitor _____ **Date** _____

I certify that my student prepared this piece for the current competition season. I have read the rules on the Stoa website and reviewed this script. To the best of my knowledge this speech is in compliance with the Stoa rules for this event.

Parent/Coach _____ **Date** _____