

Declamation

Rules:

Competitors must be in 10th grade or below.

Must be a speech that has been publicly given at some point in time.

Must be memorized, no binder. (novice tournaments allow a binder)

Time limit is 10min. With a 30 second grace period. If you go over the grace period a judge is not allowed to rank you 1st in that round. There is no minimum time limit but ideally you should be at least 7minutes to feel competitive.

You can walk around however you like.

Must have an intro. Must have the name of the speech and who it was originally given by. How does this relate to you? Why would the audience care about this?..

Advice:

Choose a piece that feels relatable to you but also would be easy for an adult judge to follow. Typically students choose Tedx talks, however if you have another one that you like that you've found elsewhere, its fine. You will have to provide the reference for where it came from.



Here is a link to tedx talks. There are 1000s

Movement:

You should try to move about every 2minutes while talking. We will teach you.

Cut your piece:

Many tedx talks are over 10minutes, you will have to cut them. Cutting means that you omit some of the piece. You can take parts out. You cannot add any words other than conjunction words (and, but, or etc). Cutting a piece can help your speech sound more cohesive to you. Your goal is to still give the overall message but take out what doesn't help your speech... if your original is too long.

Use your hands... but not too much.

Hand gestures should help your point that you're making... constant hand movement makes the

important moments miss its landing. Again, we'll help you with this. Watch how the speakers in the Ted talks perform. Tedx can be anyone giving a speech - Ted talks are the professional speakers. You can learn a lot from watching the popular ones.