



Montana High School Association  
 1 South Dakota Avenue  
 Helena, MT 59601

**INSTRUCTION AND SUMMATION BALLOT**

**ORAL INTERPRETATION OF LITERATURE**  
**SERIOUS**

Round Number:  Section Number:  Judge:

**General Instructions to Judges:**

Timing: Contestants will use a kitchen timer, setting the timer at one second over the maximum time allowed. The timer should start at the beginning of the presentation, timing down. When the presentation is completed, the judge will record the time showing on the timer (time remaining).

The contestant shall explore a theme by reading one or more selections taken from one or more of the following areas: drama, prose or poetry (including song lyrics but not singing).

The selections should be related; they should deal with the same general idea or theme. The relationship of the selections must be indicated by original material, which may be read, memorized or extemporized and include the title and author. Manuscripts must be held in hand and appear to be read. Hand gestures will not be allowed.

The mechanics of speech must be observed faithfully – poise, quality and use of voice, effectiveness and ease of gesture, emphasis, variety and enunciation. In addition, the contestant must be able to interpret the full meaning of the oration and be able to carry the interpretation over to the audience.

**Presentations should be appropriate for all audiences.**

Speaking and Order Code	Record the Time Remaining (time to nearest second)	Circle rank in round (one is best)							
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**PLEASE BREAK ALL TIES**