



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

**INSTRUCTION AND SUMMATION BALLOT**

***ORIGINAL ORATORY***

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).

Orations are written by the student and must be persuasive in nature. Persuasion encourages the listener to adapt or reinforce a particular point of view. Speakers should be given wide latitude in the ideas expressed.

During the delivery of an oration, no manuscript may be held or referred to by the contestant. Memorization is mandatory.

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.

**All material in the presentation should be appropriate to audience of all ages.**

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**