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Stark Contest[®]
in
Reading and Declamation
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Evaluation Form for Declamation

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Selection: _____

Please score Contestant in Categories I and II below from 10 (Highest) to 1 (Lowest):

I. Contestant's Introduction of Selection (10%)

Contestant's introduction is memorized, skillfully delivered and effectively prepared the audience to listen to Contestant's selection

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 **Score =** _____

TOTAL SCORE FOR CATEGORY I: _____

II. Contestant's Delivery/Presentation of Selection (80%)

The Contestant makes appropriate use of **vocal skills** in Contestant's delivery (i.e., volume, rate, pitch, and tone, together with any quality, are appropriate for selection).
For pitch, the height or depth of tone of voice was adequate and fit the selection; for quality, the reader revealed distinct character of an individual voice, when appropriate.

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 **Score =** _____

Contestant's delivery is articulate, comprehensible and reflects proper pronunciation, enunciation and inflection

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 **Score =** _____

Contestant's manner of delivery was smooth (not clipped), evenly paced and controlled/thoughtful (i.e., use of manuscript, pauses/pacing, sense of closure)

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 **Score =** _____

Contestant makes appropriate use of **physical skills** (natural movements, gestures, expressions, eye contact) in his/her delivery *without acting*; delivery was free of excessive gestures or movements

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Score = ____

Contestant effectively demonstrates awareness of the audience of the piece as intended by the writer (i.e., the audience to whom the declamation was originally presented)

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Score = ____

Contestant avoids distracting mannerisms

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Score = ____

The particular selection is appropriate for Contestant

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Score = ____

Contestant's presentation effectively expressed his/her enthusiasm of and familiarity with his/her selection

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Score = ____

TOTAL SCORE FOR CATEGORY II: _____

Please rate Contestant in Category III below from 5 (Highest) to 1 (Lowest)

III. Contestant's Appearance and Poise (10%)

Contestant's attire was appropriate for the presentation (i.e., suitable clothing and shoes)

5 4 3 2 1 Score = ____

Contestant displayed and maintained poise (natural posture, composure, confidence) during delivery

5 4 3 2 1 Score = ____

TOTAL SCORE FOR CATEGORY III: _____

JUDGES: PLEASE INCLUDE ANY SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS:

Overall Evaluation:

What did you like about the presentation and why?

Additional Comments: Judges are encouraged to critique Contestant for his/her presentation, as this evaluation form teaches and encourages the Contestant:

Judge's Signature: _____

Judge's Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

The following Section IV will be completed by Contest Officials, separate from Judges:

**IV. Time Compliance (Potential Deduction in Scoring for any Noncompliance)
(Completed By Contest Officials)**

Based on the Official Timekeeper's report, was Contestant's delivery in compliance with Contest time limits (i.e., more than 5 minutes, less than 8 minutes)?

If "Yes", no deduction.

If "No", insert 1 point for all or part of every 30 seconds in violation of time limit.
(i.e., 52 seconds over or under time would yield 2 points deduction, etc.)

Amount of Deduction = <_____>

SCORING SUMMARY AND GRAND TOTAL (Completed by Contest Officials):

Total for Category I: _____

Total for Category II: _____

Total for Category III: _____

Less any Deduction for Category IV: <_____>

TOTAL SCORE FOR CONTEST = _____