

OFFICIAL RUBRIC

Judge: _____ Category: _____

Participant: _____ Title: _____

Vocal Expression: Pronunciation, Articulation, Fluency, Pitch, Audibility, Rate/pauses /10

Emerging 1-2-3 Points	Developing 4-5-6 Points	Proficient 7-8 Points	Exceptional 9-10 Points
☐ Speaker pronounces few words correctly; may often search for terms ☐ Emerging ability to convey appropriate emotion using pitch ☐ Volume is too quiet or too loud ☐ Pauses are absent or inappropriate; rate is too fast or slow	☐ Speaker pronounces some words correctly; may occasionally search for terms ☐ Developing ability to vary pitch to convey emotion ☐ Volume is mostly appropriate ☐ Pauses may be used at times; rate is generally appropriate	☐ Speaker pronounces most words correctly with little to no apparent hesitation ☐ Pitch proficiently varied to convey appropriate emotion ☐ Volume is used appropriately to add emphasis and interest ☐ Pauses and rate variation are used effectively	☐ Speaker pronounces words clearly and accurately at all times with native-like fluency ☐ Sophisticated pitch modulation to convey emotion effectively ☐ Volume is varied skillfully to add emphasis and interest ☐ Pauses are used effectively and rate is varied to improve dramatic impact

Coherence of Presentation:

Sequence of content, Relevance of information, Connections between ideas, Quality of content /10

Emerging 1-2-3 Points	Developing 4-5-6 Points	Proficient 7-8 Points	Exceptional 9-10 Points
☐ Emerging ability to organize relevant content; sequence is unclear ☐ Demonstrates initial understanding of the chosen topic ☐ Emerging ability to connect and transition between ideas ☐ Emerging research skills; content may not be reliable	☐ Partial ability to organize relevant content; sequence is at times unclear ☐ Demonstrates partial understanding of the chosen topic ☐ Developing ability to connect and transition between ideas ☐ Developing research skills; content is basic and factual	☐ Uses primarily clear, accurate and descriptive vocabulary ☐ Demonstrates complete understanding of the chosen topic ☐ Speech flows well using effective transitions between ideas ☐ Content presented is accurately researched and informative	☐ Uses a variety of sophisticated, accurate and descriptive language throughout ☐ Demonstrates deep and comprehensive understanding of the topic ☐ Speech flows very well, consistently using smooth transitions ☐ Content presented is insightful and thoughtfully researched

Language: Accuracy and range of vocabulary, Grammatical control, Language structures

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Emerging 1-2-3 Points	Developing 4-5-6 Points	Proficient 7-8 Points	Exceptional 9-10 Points
☐ Uses basic vocabulary throughout ☐ Emerging ability to use grammar correctly; meaning may be unclear ☐ Simple language structures are used, may have many errors	☐ Uses a mix of basic and more developed vocabulary ☐ Partial ability to use grammar correctly, meaning is sometimes clear ☐ Uses some developed language structures, may have errors	☐ Uses primarily clear, accurate and descriptive vocabulary ☐ Overall proficient grammar use; meaning is clear ☐ Uses a variety of language structures, may have occasional errors	☐ Uses a variety of sophisticated, accurate and descriptive language throughout ☐ The speaker uses correct and sophisticated grammar; meaning is clear ☐ Accurately uses a variety of developed language structures

Delivery: Facial expressions, Body language, Vocal delivery

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Emerging 1-2-3 Points	Developing 4-5-6 Points	Proficient 7-8 Points	Exceptional 9-10 Points
☐ Minimal or inappropriate use of facial expressions and body language ☐ Delivery is basic and undeveloped ☐ Basic-level communication; may hamper understanding	☐ Some use of appropriate facial expressions and body language ☐ Delivery partially piques interest ☐ Developing communication; message is partially clear	☐ Appropriate facial expressions and body language are used ☐ Delivery is enthusiastic and interesting ☐ Competent communication conveys message effectively	☐ Use of animated facial expressions and body language enhances delivery ☐ Delivery demonstrates enthusiasm and sophistication ☐ Sophisticated communication skills promote comprehension

Comments: