



# Texas Forensic Association

## Prose Interpretation Ballot

Contestant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Round: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Author of selection: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge's Instructions:** Evaluate the speaker using the following *CRITERIA*. \*Please offer justification for the ranking in the round and provide constructive suggestions to improve the student's skills.

**\*NOTE: TIME LIMIT FOR THIS EVENT IS 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period.**

### Criteria for Evaluation

### Judge's Remarks

**Selection:** Does the material have literary merit? Is it appropriate for the speaker?

**Introduction:** Are the title and author clearly stated? Is interest in the selection created? Is the mood set? Is the information relevant to and sufficient for the selection?

**Insight and Understanding:** Does the speaker appear to have insight into the mood and the meaning of the selection? Is each idea clearly expressed? Does the speaker display an understanding of the author's theme, point of view, and intent?

**Interpretation:** Does the speaker convey his/her understanding of the material?

**Voice and Diction:** Is pronunciation acceptable? Is enunciation distinct without being pedantic? Are pitch, rate, and volume appropriate? Is vocal variety appropriate and sufficient?

**Bodily Action:** Is the speaker poised? Do gestures and expressions contribute to the interpretation of the material? Does the speaker avoid distracting and unmotivated movement?

**General Effectiveness:** Does the speaker clearly communicate the selection? Does the speaker maintain the listener's interest? Is the performance consistent? Is the total effect pleasing?

**Time (length of performance):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank the performer. Circle one** (1<sup>st</sup> being best, etc. \*Each student must be given a rank- there cannot be a tie)

1<sup>st</sup>    2<sup>nd</sup>    3<sup>rd</sup>    4<sup>th</sup>    5<sup>th</sup>    6<sup>th</sup>    7<sup>th</sup>    8<sup>th</sup>    *No Show*

**Judge's Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_