

NEWS ANALYSIS BALLOT

Judge Name: _____ Judge: Please do not discuss this ballot with anyone.

Topic of Speech: _____ **Time:** _____

Rate the competitor's effectiveness in each of the categories on the scales given below. Please write comments to elaborate on the way the competitor was rated. (This will help both competitors and coaches.)

Introduction: (8 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Captures audience attention • Provides synthesis of the article • Provides clear and appropriate thesis statement • Previews main points Main Body: (14 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Presents clear and credible analysis of the article • Points in speech clearly support (prove) thesis statement • Demonstrates clear understanding of larger context of the topic of the article • Evaluates author's perspective, claims, and assertions • Content is coherent and well-organized • Uses clear and smooth transitions between main points • Uses 10 minutes effectively The Conclusion: (4 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Reviews main points • Reinforces thesis of presentation • Provides closure to presentation • Presents memorable ending Vocal Delivery: (8 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Variety of pitch, rate, volume, rhythm • Clarity, enunciation, pronunciation of speech Physical Movement: (6 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Appropriate eye contact maintained • Effective gestures and purposeful movement • Use of prompt is not distracting	Comments:
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Total Points given: _____

20 (or less) ----- 30 ----- 40

Poor ← ----- Average ----- → Superior

After rating points are assigned, rank ballots in order of rating points given.

Violations:

Failure to adhere to topic of article _____ + Failure to cite the article _____ + Overtime _____ = _____ Total Violations
 [1 rank violation] [1 rank violation] [1 rank violation]

Transfer FINAL RANK from MASTER BALLOT if competitor is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd

1st

2nd

3rd