



TIPS FOR THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Remember the THREE-MINUTE RULE.... speeches cannot exceed this time frame.

You MUST state the topic “Why My Voice is Important...” in the beginning of your speech. A three-point penalty is given for failing to state the topic. Timing begins **after** the title has been stated.

Quotes must be relevant and students must give credit to the person who said the famous words. John F. Kennedy once said “ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY.” Or, as the great Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.”

Using humor is great, but only if it is appropriate for your message. There is a time and a place for everything. Be sensitive to your audience and how they will respond to it.

Reiterate the theme again at the end.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT SPEECH

1. State topic at the beginning
2. Go back to topic at the end of speech-Leave audience with something to ponder!
3. Use a quote or two and give credit (do not go overboard with the quotes)
4. Make eye contact and connect with your audience
5. Use facial expressions and hand gestures, but keep it natural.
6. Speak clearly
7. Can use note cards or memorize the speech. It is highly suggested to memorize the speech if you want your speech to be memorable. What is going to make you stand out above all others is CONFIDENCE. Most winning orators are those whose speeches are memorized and seem to come from them naturally.

Websites for Quotes

<http://www.quoteland.com/>

<http://www.brainyquote.com/>

<http://www.bartleby.com/100/>

<http://www.quotationspage.com/>