IMPROMPTU

Think of Impromptu as mini "extempatories": your preparation time for your speech is limited and you are assigned a topic and time limit (like extemporaneous speaking) but you have the freedom of being more creative and selecting from topics that are varied from politics to literature to popular cultural topics (like original oratory).

The goal of Impromptu is to think on your feet! Draw on your personal knowledge, familiarity with various areas of life, and past experience to build your speech.

Follow the organizational pattern for all speeches: Introduction, Body with structured areas, analysis, and examples, and Conclusion.

Impromptu, while being a bit more relaxed, still must be considered a competitive speech and must be prepared for as you would for any other event. Utilize your preparation time to organize your thoughts, build your analysis, and incorporate support. Consider verbal as well as non-verbal techniques.

Impromptu is generally offered at tournaments as a supplemental event. If you complete rounds of your event or do not advance to break rounds, you may register for impromptu. It will allow you to practice speaking techniques, become comfortable with thinking on your feet, and give you the opportunity to be awarded for your performance.

Note: For classroom purposes, we will be modifying the rules of Impromptu. You will be deciding on the topic areas, writing the questions, and researching the topics you have selected. During your preparation time, you will have the advantage of being familiar with the topics, questions, and research material. But, you will have limited prep time to build a 3 to 5 minute speech for class presentation similar to tournament impromptu competition.

Impromptu Speaking Evaluation Speech / Debate		Name	
Topic			
Each of the following areas is evaluated from 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. Comments given to support the rating.			
	Characteristic	Rating	Comments
	Content		
2.	Organization		
3.	Physical Presentation		
4.	Eye Contact		
5.	Vocal Expression		
6.	Guidelines of Event		
7.	Attitude / Conviction		
8.	Attire		
9.	Creativity / Skill		
10.	Overall Performance		

Total

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