

VOD Judges' Rubric

Category	1-10 pts	10-20 pts	20-25 pts	25-30 pts	30-35 pts
Originality (30 pts possible)	The speech is not original and parts appear to be plagiarized. Theme is overdone	The speech lacks creativity throughout. Speaker does not connect with the listener through a majority of the speech.	The speech has some creative ideas and may offer solutions for real world problems. It is somewhat relateable.	The speech is creative and out of the box. It stands out from other speeches. It shows human interest and offers solutions for real world problems.	
Content (35 pts possible)	The content does not align with the theme, is too opinionated or does not address the central theme. The speech is completely disorganized and extremely hard to follow.	The speech is often difficult to follow. The speaker does not stay on topic and their thoughts are not organized for much of the speech. Ideas are sometimes expressed clearly but listner is not captivated.	The content of the speech does not always align with the subject of this year's contest. The speaker strays from the central theme and thoughts become disorganized at times.	The content of the speech addresses the central theme of this year's contest. The speaker's thoughts are mostly organized and flow generally well.	The content of the speech addresses the central theme of this years contest. The speaker clearly outlines their opinion without taking a clear political stance. The speech is organized and keeps the attention of the listener.
Delivery (35 pts possible)	Speech is uncomprehensible. The pacing is too fast to understand and articulation is poor.	Speaker is very difficult to understand, there is no passion in the delivery, and the pacing is too fast or too slow.	It is difficult to understand parts of the speech. Speaker is monotone through much of the speech. Pacing is not consistent.	Speaking voice is clear. Speaker has some moments that are monotone but overall does a good job with pacing.	Speaking voice is clear. Speaker is passionate about what they are saying. Speaker uses peaks and valleys, pauses, and has good pacing.