

Upholding Quality

Each school's coach is the arbiter of excellence for his/her own judging corps, and should make sure judges are adequately trained and prepared to provide this vital educational service to young people. Before a new judge actually adjudicates a tournament, have him/her "shadow" an experienced judge, who can debrief his/her process. At an early tournament, ask the Tab room if they can provide a copy of a new judge's critiques/ballots, so you can review the quality of their evaluations.

Descriptive Word Bank for Judges

QUALITY

amazing
breathtaking
beautiful
brilliant
decent
delightful
dynamic
enjoyable
excellent
extraordinary
fabulous
fine
first-class
first-rate
grand
great
impressive
incredible
lovely
marvelous
perfect
pleasant
remarkable
satisfactory
spectacular
splendid
stunning
superb
terrific
wonderful

PRESENTATION

articulate
believable
characterization
coherent
cohesive
credible
dramatic
emotional
enthusiastic
expression
honesty
genuine
innovative
understated
whimsical
rhetorical

TALENT

accomplished
capable
clever
convincing
creative
effortless
expert
proficient
natural
skilled
talented
well developed
mastered

"OOMPH"

animation
energy
enthusiasm
gusto
life
liveliness
passion
pizzazz
sparkle
spirit
vivaciousness
vigor

"POOR"

artificial
awkward
broad
faulty
flawed
hinder
incoherent
incorrect
mellow
monotonous
poor
repetitive
scarce
weak
wrong

"NEEDS"

absent of
could use
deficient in
incomplete
lacks
missing
requires
short on...
potential

THE PIECE

assortment
combination
compilation
execution
plethora
unified
unsuitable
wealth

DEBATE

fallacious
logically linked
illogical
credibility
warrant
clash
impact
refute
rebut
flow