



## Platform Speech Script Preparation Instructions

Expository, Original Oratory, and  
Persuasive Speaking

**Purpose:** Platform speech scripts should contain the exact text of the student's original speech for the purposes of accountability. Though the speech must be original, it may consist of support from outside sources. The sources of any contributing information must be formally cited so that credit may be given where credit is due. The Script Preparation Instructions below will assist with that process and the student should complete them to the best of his ability. No student should be disqualified from tournament competition due to a script formatting error.

1. The speech must be an original work, written by the student.
2. The student must submit a typewritten hard copy of his speech.
3. All direct quotations must be underlined.
4. No more than 30% of the speech may consist of direct quotations.
5. A Citation Page must be created on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the speech. (Use [www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com) to help document and format each source on the Citation Page.)
6. All direct quotations must be cited on a final Citation Page.
7. Additional sources must also be cited on the final Citation Page.
8. Although direct quotations and indirect references are verbally cited, they may also need to be documented in the text of the speech. (Use [http://media.easybib.com/ebook/mla\\_parenthetical.pdf](http://media.easybib.com/ebook/mla_parenthetical.pdf) to help you determine what kind of citation will be needed.)
9. Copyrighted Expository images must also be cited on the final Citation Page.
10. A current Script Submission Form should be submitted with the speech script at each tournament.

If for some reason the student is unable to comply with the script submission requirements, or if he is missing some required element, a brief explanation should be attached to the Script Submission Form for consideration by tournament administration.



## **Platform Speech Script Submission Checklist**

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### **1. Typewritten copy of the script:**

- a. Speech script is typewritten.
- b. Direct quotations are underlined.
- c. Citation Page is included on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the speech.

### **2. Script Submission Form:**

- a. Current Script Submission Form is attached.
- b. Parent and/or coach signatures are included.
- c. The number of total words is recorded.
- d. The number of directly quoted words is recorded.
- e. The percentage of quoted words is recorded.
- f. No more than 30% of the speech consists of direct quotations.



**Platform Speech  
Script Submission Form**  
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Competitor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach/parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament \_\_\_\_\_  
Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Event \_\_\_\_\_  
#Directly Quoted Words: \_\_\_\_\_  
% Directly Quoted Words: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Coach: By initialing each section and signing below, you are verifying that each of the listed criteria has been met by the student.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Speech script is typewritten.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Direct quotations are underlined.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Citation Page is included on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the speech.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Current Script Submission Form is attached.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Parent and/or coach signatures are included.
- \_\_\_\_ 6. The number of total words is recorded.
- \_\_\_\_ 7. The number of directly quoted words is recorded.
- \_\_\_\_ 8. The percentage of quoted words is recorded.
- \_\_\_\_ 9. No more than 30% of the speech consists of direct quotations..

If for some reason the student is unable to comply with the script submission requirements, or if he/she is missing some required element, a brief explanation should be attached to the script submission form for consideration by the tournament administration.

I have read the attached speech and approve its use by my son/daughter.

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this script is an original work, prepared for the 2013/2014 season and written by me. I have read the rules on the Stoa website, and to the best of my knowledge, this speech is in compliance with the Stoa rules for this event.

Competitor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have reviewed this script and it is an original work, prepared for the 2013/2014 season and written by my student. I have read the rules on the Stoa website, and to the best of my knowledge, this speech is in compliance with the Stoa rules for this event.

Parent/Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_