

# Guidelines for Junior Interpretative Speeches

## (Individual and Duo)

Interpretative speech events allow students to present a wide variety of literary styles including original writing.

### RULES:

1. You may use traditionally published literature, literature published on the internet, or original writing. Examples include prose, poetry, short stories, plays, historical speeches, and children's books.
2. Media transcription from movies, television, or tape recordings are not allowed.
3. The title and author of the selection must be introduced.
4. Students may use up to 150 of their own words anywhere in the presentation.
5. No props, costumes, audiovisuals, or vulgarity is allowed.
6. Limited singing and dancing are permitted but must be purposeful and motivated by the literature.
7. Only the presenter's feet are permitted to touch the floor.
8. If performing a Duo Interpretation, presenters must not touch or look at their partner. Also, lines should be shared as equally as possible between the partners.
9. Memorization is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting are allowed.
10. An average presentation time limit of 5 minutes is encouraged but not required. No student will be penalized for going over or under the suggested time.