

MONOLOGUE - HISTORICAL

Division: Elementary (3-5) and Intermediate (6-8)

A Historical monologue is a long speech spoken by only one actor (usually in a play or movie). The speech content and tone must fit the time period and part of the world of the character. Monologues should be focused on one central point, and not simply an autobiographical speech.

- Monologues will be performed at the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad (MSSO) event location.
- Only four (4) monologues per school per division may be entered in the MSSO.
- Each school or class is encouraged to have their own competition and select the monologues for the Olympiad.
- Fictional characters are not acceptable.
- The competing students must do set-up. Adults cannot help in setup of props or give any assistance to the student during the performance.
- Presentation must be memorized, no notes allowed.
- Judges reserve the right to ask questions of the monologue presenter following the presentation.

JUDGES SCORECARD:

1. Monologue must be 2-3 minutes in length (including set-up time). The competing students must do set-up. Adults cannot help in setup of props or give any assistance to the student during the performance.	3. Use of props Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1 No Props _____ 0	6. Use of voice Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1
2 to 3 minutes _____ 5 ≤ 15 s. over/under _____ 4 16-30 s. over/under _____ 3 31-45 s. over/under _____ 2 46-60 s. over/under _____ 1 61 + sec. over/under _____ 0	4. Use of costume appropriate to monologue Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1 No Costume _____ 0	7. Body language Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1
2. Monologue must tie to MSSO theme Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1 Doesn't tie to theme _____ 0	5. Eye contact (presentation must be memorized, no notes allowed) Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1 Used notes _____ 0	8. Historical accuracy Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1
		9. Originality in presentation Excellent _____ 5 Superior _____ 4 Very Good _____ 3 Good _____ 2 Average _____ 1

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