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	Ineffective		Developing		Needs Improvement		Competent		Excellent		Outstanding	
	May be extremely brief, offensive, abusive, or incoherent		Far below expectations.		Below expectations.  A Somewhat flawed		Meets expectations About 50% of ICDA		Above expectations About 25% of ICDA		Exceeds expectations  Among the top 10% of	
			Lacks many elements of a competent speech		speech		speeches		speeches		ICDA speeches.	
Debate	Speech is read from a text		Message lacks focus		Message lacks clarity		Expresses a basic message		Expresses a clear message		Expresses a thoughtful message	
Research			Lack of factual support		Support is biased or irrelevant or extrememly general		Support is adequate but general		Support is credible		Supported by high- quality evidence	
Analysis	Demonstrates little understanding		No analysis of research		No clear analysis supporting claim		Analysis is general or merely summary		Quality analysis		In-depth analysis	
Development			Clearly flawed logical development		Questionable logical development		Adequate logical development		Excellent logical development		Superior logical development	
Refutations			No reference to previous speakers		Unclear or questionable responses to previous arguments		Routine/general responses to previous arguments		Adequately responds to previous ideas with specific references		Effectively responds to previous ideas in order to strengthen argument	
					Minimal clash		Adequate clash		Effective clash		Significiant/decisive clash	
Organization	Organization is extremely confusing		Organization is confusing  Missing key elements		Organization may need to be inferred		Structure is clear, but may need		Structure is clear and organized		Structure is clear and	
Logical structure					Missing one element of effective organization		improvement in logical development		Development is logical		contributes to development of argument	
Opening Closing							Introduction and conclusion are present		Effective introduction and conclusion		Compelling introduction and conclusion	
Transitions							Transitions are present		Effective transitions		Expressive transitions	
Delivery	May be completely read to the chamber		Partly extemporaneous		Mostly extemporaneous		Mostly extemporaneous		Extemporaneous		Clearly Extemporaneous	
Voice Volume Pacing	Indecipherable speech		Delivery elements seriously interfere with effectiveness of argument, i.e difficult to understand		Some delivery elements distract from argument		Adequate use of delivery elements		Some delivery elements used to advance argument		Effectively responds to previous ideas in order to strengthen argument	
Gesture/move ments Eye Contact											Speaker commands a presence in the chamber	
Questions					May evade questions							
Effectiveness of responses	Offensive/Insulting				May give inadequate answers		Adequate responses		Responds with accuracy		Responds with accuracy, confidence and clarity	
	Onensive/mounting		May repeat point to show a lack of		Lack of understanding		May lack confidence and complexity or		May have less confidence or clarity		Advances argument through questions	
Understanding of issue			understanding of bill		demontstrated		issue		Shows understanding of issues		Show understanding of comlexity of issues	