

FLORIDA JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE STATE FORUM

RULES FOR CREATIVE CONTESTS: DECLAMATION

General Information:

In addition to registering the speeches on the registration form, there will be a check-in table at State Forum for students to check in for their contests. Students must make sure that they have been properly checked in on Thursday in order to participate in their contests. At the discretion of the Costumes/Orals' Coordinators, categories may be combined if fewer than 10 entries are submitted.

THE FOLLOWING CONTEST CODES ARE TO BE USED:

CREATIVE CONTEST	5 TH - 9 TH	10 TH - 12 TH
Declamations	2241	2242

RULES FOR DECLAMATIONS:

1. Declamations are original dramatic presentations in English with the students acting the part of one or more specific characters from classical mythology or history.
2. Declamations may not be paraphrases of extant speeches in the literature.
3. Appropriate Latin or Greek phrases may be used.
4. Students may give a brief 1-2 sentence introduction to their declamation to state the character, myth and/or situation.
5. Historical figures are limited to those found in the periods listed under the Greek and Roman history test sections.
6. The speech may have been used only in regional forum during the current year.
7. No costume, notes, or props of any kind may be used.
8. The declamation must be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes. A speech shorter than 2-1/2 minutes will be disqualified. A speech lasting between 2-1/2 and 2-3/4 minutes will receive a 3 point deduction, and between 2-3/4 and 3 minutes will receive a 1 point deduction. The same scale will be used for speeches in excess of 5 minutes. The speech should be continuous and non-repetitive.
9. While the declamation must be memorized, the student may start a declamation over once without penalty. If the student is more than three minutes into the speech, the clock will not be reset, but the student will be given thirty seconds' grace.
10. The student and his/her school may not be identified other than by the ID number given at registration.
11. Judges may ask students about source materials used in the creation of their declamation.

English Orals (Declamation/Oration) Judging Criteria

Content	_____ / 25
Originality	_____ / 20
Memorization	_____ / 15
Voice Control	_____ / 10
Poise	_____ / 10
Adherence to Rules	_____ / 10
Enunciation	_____ / 5
Appropriate Gestures	_____ / 5
Total	_____ / 100