Competitor _____
Round _____ Section_____ Room _____

NEWS ANALYSIS BALLOT

Judge Name: _____ Judge: Please do not discuss this ballot with anyone.

Topic of Speech: _____ **Time**: _____

Rate the competitor's effectiveness in each of the categories on the scales given below. Please write comments to elaborate on the way the competitor was rated. (This will help both students and coaches.)

Introduction: (8 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Captures audience's attention
- Cites article correctly
- Has a clear thesis statement
- Previews main points

Main Body: (14 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Presents a clear analysis of the article
- Has clear understanding of larger context of the topic
- Evaluates the author's perspective, claims, and assertions
- Takes credible position
- Content is coherent and well-organized
- Uses clear and smooth transitions between main points
- Uses 10 minutes effectively

The Conclusion: (4 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Reviews main points
- Reinforces the thesis of presentation
- Provides closure to presentation
- Presents memorable ending

Vocal Delivery: (8 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Variety of pitch, rate, volume, rhythm
- Clarity, enunciation, pronunciation of speech

Physical Movement:(6 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Appropriate eye contact maintained
- Effective gestures & purposeful movement
- Use of prompt is not distracting

Comments:

Total Points given: _____

20 (or less) ---------- 30 ---------- 40
Poor ←---------- Average ----------→ Superior
After rating points are assigned, rank ballots in order of rating points given.

Violations:
Failure to adhere to topic of article _____ + Failure to cite the article + Overtime _____ = _____Total Violations
[1 rank violation] [1 rank violation] [1 rank violation]

Transfer final rank from Tabulation Form
Final Rank:
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th and below

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