

CONTEST BREIFING

**Good morning ladies and gentleman and welcome to the
Department of Alabama, American Legion
National High School Oratorical Contest for the
(Post, District, Division, etc.)**

**Before we begin the contest, will everyone in the
audience; please silence your cell phone or any other
audiable communication device you may have.**

**Now, I will ask that everyone able please rise and
remain standing for the invocation and the Pledge of
Allegiance; LEGIONNAIRES PLEASE UNCOVER.**

Invocation will be given by:

*****INVOCATION IS GIVEN*****

Will you please join me in the

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE IS GIVEN

This is the _##_ annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest and this (morning) you will be hearing from __##__ very talented young adults. We also have numerous dignitaries and special guest in the audience this morning, but I will save their introductions until after the contest has concluded.

- Ladies and gentlemen as you may notice the contestants are not in the room at this time.

Throughout the competition portion, they will appear only to deliver their respective orations.

- In all fairness to the contestants, I will ask that you do not applaud until the contest is completed. I would also ask that you refrain from taking pictures or leaving your seat while a contestant is speaking.

Our speakers will be introduced by **number only.**

Prompting in any manner is not permitted. Doing so may result in the disqualification of the speaker. Each contestant is about to deliver an **eight to ten minute **prepared** oration on some phase of the United States Constitution which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government.**

The contestants are not allowed to use notes, a podium, props or a sound system. The contestants will be shown a **time card at the **8th, 9th and 10th** minute mark of their**

PREPARED ORATION and at the **3rd, 4th and 5th**
minute mark of the **ASSIGNED TOPIC**.

If there is a violation of the time requirement, a penalty of one point for each minute, or fraction thereof, shall be assessed against the contestant's total score.

PREPARED ORATION

During both the **prepared oration** and the **assigned topic** presentation there will be a short pause between contestants to allow the judge's time to mark their score cards. Before introducing the last speaker, I will ask a member of the audience to draw an **assigned topic** from the four provided. All contestants will then speak for **three to five minutes** on the same subject. When the last contestant has spoken for **seven minutes** on the

prepared oration, contestant no. 1, will be in a private room and given the topic card and allowed **five minutes** to prepare her assigned topic presentation. I will read the assigned topic to you before **contestant No 1** is introduced. Without any further delay let's began!!

I will now call for **Contestant No 1**. The title of the oration is:

ORATION IS GIVEN

The time for contestant **No. 1** is _____minutes

&_____ Seconds

There is (a / no) time penalty. **PENALTY**_____

I will now call for **Contestant No 2**. The title of the
oration is _____

The time for contestant **No. 2** is _____minutes
& _____ Seconds

There is (a / no) time penalty. **PENALTY**_____

We will now draw the assigned topic:

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- **Once drawn show it to the chairperson and return to me please.**
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Ladies and gentlemen the assigned topic for today's program is:

I will readdress the assigned topic we bargain the Assigned Topic portion of the program.

At this time will the xxxxxxxx please take the assigned topic to the xxxxxxxx

I will now call for **Contestant No. 3.** The title of the
oration is _____

The time for contestant **No. 3** is _____ minutes &
_____ Seconds

There is (a / no) time penalty. **PENALTY** _____

**WE ARE NOW AT THE ASSIGNED TOPIC
PORTION OF THE ORITORICAL CONTEST**

For the past five minutes contestant **No. 1 has been in a private room preparing for his/her assigned topic presentation.**



The topic that all three contestants will address during this portion of the contest is: (read the topic and brief description)

I will now call for Contestant **No. 1**

ASSIGNED TOPIC IS GIVEN

The time for contestant No. **1** is _____ minutes
and _____ Seconds.

There is (a / no) time penalty. **PENALTY** _____



I will now call for Contestant **No. 2**

ASSIGNED TOPIC IS GIVEN

The time for contestant **No. 2** is _____ minutes
and _____ Seconds.

There is (a / no) time penalty. **PENALTY** _____

I will now call for Contestant **No. 3**

ASSIGNED TOPIC IS GIVEN

The time for contestant **No. 3** is _____ minutes
and _____ Seconds.

There is (a / no) time penalty. **PENALTY** _____

This concludes the competition portion of the program.

Will the judges and the tabulator please go directly to the tabulation room for the determination of the contest results. (The judges will now retire to the tabulation room)

BREAK HERE

WE WILL NOW TAKE A ____ MIN BREAK

**WELCOME BACK EVERONE. BEFORE WE
CONTINOUE WITH THE CONTEST AND GET THE
RESULTS I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE
OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST AND SOLICATE
ANY COMMENTS THEY MAY HAVE:**

*******PUT LEGION PAGE HERE*****
*****WITH*****
***** DISTINGUISHED GUEST*******

**NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR
JUDGES FOR TODAY'S EVENT**

TIMERS

ESCORTS

**INTRODUCTION OF CONTESTANTS AND THEIR
PARENTS**

**Ladies and gentlemen at this time I would like to
introduce our contestants and their Parents**

**WILL THE STUDENTS PLEASE COME FORWARD
WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED AND TAKE A
PLACE TO MY RIGHT/LEFT AND PARENTS
PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED**

Representing the 1st Division and American Legion

Post # _____

Ms./Mr. _____ **–** _____ **is an**
_____ **grader at** _____ **–in**
_____, **AL**

His/Her parents are _____

Division Commander: _____

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AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO CALL:

**TO THE PODIUM TO MAKE THE PRESENTTION
TO OUR WINNERS**

**OUR THIRD PLACE FINISHER AND RECEPIANTE
OF A \$ _____ SCHOLARSHIP IS:**

**OUR SECOND PLACE FINISHER AND
RECEPIANTE OF A
\$_____SCHOLARSHIP IS:**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR FIRST PLACE
FINISHER AND RECEPIANTE OF A
\$_____SCHOLARSHIP IS:**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THIS CONCLUDES
THE OUR PROGRAM. WE WELCOME YOU TO
STAY AND CONGRADULATE OUR CONTESTANTS.**

**WE WILL NOW CLOSE WITH OUR BENEDITION
BY:**
