



Judge Worksheet

DUO Impromptu Apologetics

Description

Two competitors have a maximum of 6 minutes to present an impromptu speech on a question that requires them to give a biblical defense of their faith. One student will take the part of the *Prompter*. The *Prompter* asks the given question to the *Apologist*. The *Prompter* should see himself as taking the part of a fellow Christian, but one who is articulating the kind of follow-up questions and clarifications (throughout the *Apologist's* speech) that a listening unbeliever might want to ask. The goal is to help the *Apologist* to articulate the best possible answer to the given question in a way that would be easily understood by, and convincing to, a non-Christian. The *Apologist* should in turn adjust his/her presentation in response to the cues received. Judges and competitors will sit facing each other at a table in order to make the speaking situation as much like a real conversation as possible.

General Rules

- A maximum of 4 minutes of preparation time is allowed.
- A maximum of 6 minutes of speaking time is allowed.
- Both competitors may use their personal Bibles during their prep time.
- Their personal Bible may have notes and outlines on any page that was originally bound into the Bible. Extra papers, note cards, sticky notes, glued pages, etc. will not be allowed.
- When entering the room, each competitor will present their personal Bible to the judges to be examined for extra papers.
- After the judge checks the competitors Bibles, he will hand the competitor's Bibles back to them along with two blank note cards and one question.
- Notes and outlines can be written on the blank note cards during the four minute preparation time using their personal Bibles.
- The students can collaborate during their prep time
- During the actual presentation, the duo may use only the two note cards they have filled out and an unmarked Bible that will be provided.
- The *Prompter* primarily asks questions of the *Apologist*, but may also give brief statements to clarify or respond to the *Apologist* provided they don't take on the *Apologist's* role of answering the given question.
- The *Apologist* is only allowed to ask questions of the *Prompter* to clarify something the *Prompter* said or to ask rhetorical questions requiring only brief responses to further the *Apologist's* point.

Violations

- Exceeding the time limit will result in a **one rank** penalty.
- Failure to answer the given question will result in a **one rank** penalty.

Tabulation Form Instructions:

1. Rank speakers according to rating points assigned on the ballot (highest point speaker gets 1st place, etc.). Place rankings in Column 1. **There can be no ties in rankings.**
2. Transfer all violations from ballots to Column 2. If there are no violations, proceed to last step.
3. If violations exist, add Column 1 and 2 for each speaker and place sums in Column 3.
4. In Column 4, break any ties by advancing the speakers (e.g., from 3rd to 2nd place) with no, or fewer violations.