

# Apologetics

## Student Ballot

*A limited prep speech that respectfully articulates and defends a tenet of the Christian faith*

Speaker:	
Room:	
Judge:	
Round:	Duration: Event time 6:00

### TOPIC

Evaluate 1 (poor)...5 (excellent)

Comments

#### APOLOGETICS – CONTENT IS KEY

##### Analysis:

Explains the background of the topic  
Provides researched defense of Biblical truth  
Includes applicable illustrations  
Uses Scripture and other supporting sources

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##### Rhetoric:

Credible and sincere connection with audience  
Compelling and persuasive reasoning  
Addresses audience that may or may not understand and/or accept Biblical truth

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##### Impact:

Demonstrates importance of topic  
Promotes reflection

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#### STRUCTURE

##### Organization:

Relevant and engaging introduction  
Clear thesis statement that answers the prompt  
Organized content; smooth transitions  
Effective conclusion

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**Language:** Vocabulary; rhetorical devices/memorable language

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#### DELIVERY

**Vocal:** Varies volume, rate, and inflection; conversational

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**Physical:** Authentic gestures and movement

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**Facial:** Eye contact; appropriate facial expressions

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#### OVERALL IMPRESSION

**Appearance:** Poised; professional

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**Manner:** Compassionate; sincere; respectful

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**PENALTIES:** Overtime by 15 seconds (1 rank) \_\_\_\_\_ = Total penalty rank(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL RANK WITHIN THE ROUND** (*Circle One*)

#1 First

#2 Second

#3 Third

#4 Fourth

#5 Fifth & Below

**PLEASE EXPLAIN REASON FOR RANKING**