Impromptu

**Like seriously… what even is impromptu…**

WELL I’M GLAD YOU ASKED.

Impromptu is a limited prep event in Pattern A! Limited prep means that you won’t need to take any time to prep before the day of the tournament! You know what that means! SLEEP!!! YESSS. (Trust me I was a junior last year oh god sleep) You simply go on the day of the tournament and you’re given a topic during your round. As a novice you’ll have five minutes prep for your five minute speech and later at varsity tournaments you’ll get two minutes. DON’T WORRY I GOTCHU DOE.

**Wait… I can’t do that I mean I CAN’T EVEN DECIDE ON A RESTAURANT FOR DINNER O M G HOLD ON.**

I know that this may seem a bit scary at first but it really isn’t! I don’t expect anyone to know how to deliver a good impromptu NOW. Last year was my novice year and I remember being in your shoes! The idea of doing an impromptu scared the hell outta me, but my captain assured me that with practice and perseverance anything could be done. So you might deliver a three minute speech at first and you may stumble a little, but that doesn’t mean you don’t have potential!!!

**OK… so let’s say for some reason I am interested in doing this Impromptu thingie… wait why would I even be interested? IM NOT.**

Well you should be! Impromptu is a lot of fun but it also has a lot of benefits!

1. Interviews 2. SAT essays
2. In class essays 4. Sticky situations
3. Becoming a leader

**OK maybeeee im interested… but wait aren’t there like rules? Ugh what a drag.**

Actually Impromptu rules are fairly simple.

1. Don’t exceed prep time 2. Don’t exceed speech time 3. No props

There’s no need to worry about things like choreography because of its spontaneous nature. You just be you and make your speech interesting however you feel necessary.

**BUT what if I take like 5 extra seconds of prep time? Am I DQED???**

Haha nono don’t be too worried about prep time and speech time. You’ll receive time signals for each (make sure to ask for these!) unless you decide to take your prep outside, in which case someone will come get you when your five minutes are up. No one is really out to get you don’t worry.

**WAIT this is all cool and all but you don’t expect me to believe that I just speak about whatever I want. EXPLAIN PLS?**

OK now that I have you interested let me tell you a bit more about the speech! THERE ARE 4 KINDS OF IMPROMPTU TOPICS

1. Concrete: hat, shoe, mouse, paper
2. Abstract: fear, agony, hope, lust
3. Quotations: “I can’t tell you the key to success, but the key to failure is pleasing everyone” –Ed Sheeran
4. Current Events and Figures: Harry Truman, North Korea, Hobby Lobby

Each round will have a different set of topics. You’ll get to choose from three of one kind of topic. As you go through the topics you’ll think about what you can say in your speech. The one you feel most confident about is the one you’ll choose. Then you’ll think of three points, an intro, and a conclusion. Simple as that!

**SO DO IMPROMPTU!!!**

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