

Grader Name _____

Date _____

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Senior Name _____

Scholastic Ability (20 points) _____

The oral should demonstrate a high level of scholastic ability befitting a senior at MCA. The oral should discuss something related to their senior project, another class, or MCA curriculum branch (Bible, History, Great Books, Math, Science or Art). There should be *a minimum* of two curriculum references or examples within their oral. The oral should explicitly mention their book and interview. It may explicitly mention additional sources from their independent research.

Scholastic Interest and Application to Life (20 points) _____

The presentation should be scholastically interesting to the audience, which may range from 7th graders to adults. Did the speaker attempt to relate/communicate their thoughts with their audience in a way that created an interesting/effective presentation? The student should make it clear how the subject applies to life either personally or generally. The application can be specific or broad.

Delivery (20 points) _____

The presentation should be professional and utilize good rhetorical skills. These skills should be evaluated in three (3) main areas:

1. Eye contact – The student should maintain eye contact 85% of the time or more with audience. The speech should be spoken, not read.
2. Linguistics – The speaker’s pace, volume, and inflection should not be a distraction from the speech.
3. Hand/body gestures – Should not be a distraction.

Question/Answer (20 points) _____

The student should demonstrate the ability to “think on their feet” as they handle questions from the review panel. The student is not graded on the quality of questions they are asked or if they have “the perfect answer”. Rather, the student should demonstrate attentiveness, respectfulness, and thoughtfulness in their responses. The student should avoid negative non-verbal communication, such as poor eye contact or distracting movements.

Research and Bibliography (20 points to be graded by project leader) NA

Read at least one academic book on their topic. _____

Interviewed an expert on their topic _____

Consulted at least one additional academic source on their topic. _____
(Either this source or the book must be from the past 15 years.)

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