

## **EXTEMP PROSE RULES**

- 1) At the start of the tournament, all extemp prose competitors will randomly be handed a book from the “cloth bag of books”.
  - a) Competitors may swap their books from the cloth bag or with each other.
  - b) Competitors may TRADE books between rounds if they want to try something else. You do not have to do the same book for all rounds.
- 2) There is NO PENALTY for time or length. However, you will be cut off at ten minutes in order for the tournament to run on time. But you are NOT ALLOWED to be penalized for being cut off. If your book takes 4 minutes to read, then there is no penalty.
- 3) This is an INTERPRETATION event. Speakers are encouraged to be creative in their interpretation of that.
- 4) Nothing can be ADDED to the reading, HOWEVER you may lightly EDITORIALIZE as you read. Think reading to a kindergartner, “Do you see how scared the owl looks?” as you point to the owl on the page.
- 5) Have fun.