



## YSG 1

# PLATFORM

### Corresponding YSG Presentations:

YSG 1 - Hello My Name is (2-3 min.)

YSG 1 - My Favorite Bible Verse (3-4 min.)

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### Description

The speaker will practice writing and delivering an original speech with or without props on a topic of his choosing.

### Time Allotted

5 minutes

### Evaluation Criteria

Speakers will be evaluated on:

- Beginning with an interesting introduction
- Speaking clearly and enunciating
- Speaking confidently
- Using the 3-second rule at the beginning and end of the presentation
- Appropriately using eye contact
- Demonstrating poise
- Incorporating appropriate/effective gestures

- Projecting voice properly for the size of the room and the audience
- Smiling appropriately during the presentation
- Demonstrating a logical flow of ideas
- Using examples and/or illustrations suited to the intended audience
- Acknowledging sources where applicable

## Rules

- The presentation will
  - be an original work written by the speaker.
  - contain a maximum of 50% directly quoted words.
  - be scripted word for word.
  - contain citations for outside sources if used.
- The speaker is required to provide support for the ideas presented in the speech. This refers to direct quotations, theories, concepts and general ideas.
- Props are permitted.
- Costumes and audiovisuals are not permitted. □

## Questions & Answers

### Presentation

**Q: Am I able to present both my Hello My Name Is... and Favorite Bible Verse presentation in the Platform event?**

**A:** No. Only one presentation may be used in each event during a tournament.

**Q: May I use a picture in my presentation?**

**A:** Yes. You may use props but they must be cited with other sources on the citation page if applicable.

**Q: Do I have to name my sources in my speech?**

**A:** Yes. Out of respect for your sources, you must make it clear in every presentation whether your words are your own or from someone else. Ideas, concepts, and theories from others must also be properly referenced verbally in the speech.

Direct quotations: John Piper said, “God wields an empire to bless his children.”

Indirect quotes: Gregory Koukl, in his book Tactics states that knowledge, wisdom, and character are three things Christians need to be ambassadors for Christ in the 21st century.

**Q: May I use a personal interview as a source?**

**A:** Yes. You may use the format from [easybib.com](http://easybib.com) to cite it correctly. Be sure to highlight any directly quoted words in your script.

**Q: May I use an internet source such as a blog or podcast?**

**A:** Yes. It is highly recommended to check the quality of the information and cite it properly. [Windward Community College](http://www.windwardcommunitycollege.edu) and [Easybib](http://www.easybib.com) have formats for citing blogs and podcasts.

**Q: May I use a Ted Talk or sermon for my research?**

**A:** Yes. Each source must be properly cited on the Works Cited page. A format for sermons and lectures can be found on [Easybib](#) or [CiteSource](#) from Trinity College.

**Script Submission****Q: Do quoted words need to be in quotation marks and highlighted on the presentation script?**

**A:** Yes. All directly quoted words are to be in quotation marks to identify them as non-original. They are also to be highlighted to fulfill the requirement for script submission. Indirect quotations do not need to be in quotation marks or highlighted.

**Q: What is the correct format for works citations?**

**A:** The URLs alone for any source are not acceptable as a means of citation. [Easybib.com](#), [Windward Community College](#), and [EasyBib Bibliography Creator](#) provide information for MLA citation formatting for a variety of sources.

**Q: Do I have to have a works cited page if I didn't use any outside sources for my Hello My Name Is... presentation?**

**A:** No. You only need to cite sources if you got information from an outside source.

**Q: Since I am the source of the information in my Hello My Name Is... presentation, do I need to use quotation marks and highlight the whole thing?**

**A:** No. You only need to use quotation marks and highlight directly quoted words of someone other than yourself.

**Q: Do I need a Works Cited page if I don't have any quoted words?**

**A:** Whenever you use information from an outside source, whether you quote it directly or not, it must be cited.

**Q: If I use references from different books in the Bible, is each reference considered a different source?**

**A:** No. You should give verbal credit for each Bible reference separately in your presentation, which would be reflected on your presentation script, but only cite the Bible once as a source on your works cited page. [Azusa Pacific University Library](#) explains how to cite the Bible on your Works Cited page.

**Speaker Instructions**

1. The evaluator will call the speaker.
2. The speaker will go to the presentation area.
3. The timekeeper will start timing when the speaker begins speaking.
4. When the speaker is finished, the timekeeper will stop timing and report the time to the evaluator.
5. The speaker will return to his seat or ask to be excused if he has a presentation in a different room.

## Evaluator Instructions

1. The evaluator will call the speaker with the most speeches after his name who is highest on the list. If he is not present, the next speaker with the most speeches after her name will be called.
2. The speaker will go to the presentation area and the timekeeper will start timing when the speaker begins.
3. The evaluator may jot notes during the presentation.
4. When the speaker has finished, the timekeeper will announce the time to be record on the ballot.
5. The speaker may return to his seat or ask to be excused if he has a presentation in another event.
6. After the last speaker has presented, the evaluator will complete his comments on each ballot in the hospitality room and take the completed ballots to Ballot Return as soon as possible.

## Timekeeper Instructions

1. Reset the timepiece to 0:00.
2. Press START when the presenter begins speaking and STOP when he finishes speaking.
3. Report the total time to the Evaluator(s).