



ODACS RULES

Senior High, LEVEL III, GRADES 9-12

AREA THREE: SPEECH

Distinctions between Readers' Theatre and Choric Speaking

1. Readers' Theatre emphasizes the individual performers, whereas Choric Speaking emphasizes the group speaking with one collective "voice."
2. Readers' Theatre relies on each individual speaker's unique characterizations and use of other individual acting techniques, while Choric Speaking relies on the group speaking as one body using varying combinations of unison and solo voices.
3. Readers' Theatre is more closely related to characterization and acting, while Choric Speaking is basically a speaking choir with many voices.
4. The emphasis of Readers' Theatre is the dramatized development of a text via visual elements and the spoken interaction of individual performers. The emphasis of Choric Speaking is the creative use of the voice (vocal variety, word color, etc.) in a choral manner to reinforce the meaning of the text. Choric Speaking is primarily an auditory presentation.