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## **Coaches' Bulletin**

### **Reading Games**

Reading games monitors must pass a quiz in order to monitor at the 2020 AGLOA National Tournament. The quizzes will be administered and scored by the league director.

The word “quiz” is used to distinguish these assessments from the cube game judges tests. Each quiz is short. For example, the *Propaganda* and *Presidents* Monitors Quizzes each consists of ten multiple choice questions. Leagues are encouraged to use the quizzes to certify monitors at their local tournaments.

### **Propaganda**

The *Propaganda Guide* has been thoroughly revised for 2019-20. Examples only for Jr/Sr divisions are clearly marked. Included are the latest modifications in interpretation of techniques approved by the new *Propaganda* Committee.

#### **1. Section A: Drawing the Line**

If a speaker gives valid reasons for making a distinction, the answer is No Technique.

Such examples will be confined to Jr/Sr.

#### **2. Section A: Drawing the Line**

An ad can be No Technique instead of Drawing the Line if it cites facts that show the company's product is superior.

#### **3. Section B: Shift of Meaning**

Homonyms are acceptable for Shift of Meaning in Junior/Senior.

Example: “For a hole in your roof or a whole new roof, contact Samson Roofing.”

#### **4. Section C: Sophistical Formula**

Jr/Sr only: If an example quotes an adage but also gives valid reasons for the point being made, the answer is No Technique.

Example: “I don't trust the governor, and I don't trust the governor's son either. After all, the apple doesn't fall very far from the tree. They both lie continually and have been the subject of FBI investigations.”

#### **5. Section C: Repetition**

The *Guide* previously stated that when a slogan is repeated, Repetition prevails. But that rule is no longer needed since examples in Jr/Sr may have two answers, and no such examples will be used in EI/Mid.

#### **6. Section C: Technical Jargon**

The name of a product cannot be Technical Jargon.

Example: “Don't lose sleep over Dry Mouth. Get relief with OraCoat XyliMelts.”

Since “Dry Mouth” is not technical language, this example would be No Technique.

#### **7. Section C: Technical Jargon**

An ad on an Internet site is an example of the Technical Jargon technique even if the jargon is appropriate for the site. For example, an ad with mathematical equations for a math tutoring service on a web page for a college mathematics department. Don't presume someone visiting the website understands the ad's jargon.

#### **8. Section C: Degrees and Titles**

“Singer/songwriter” is not a title of attainment. The phrase would need to have a qualifier like “award-winning” or “Grammy-nominated” to qualify as a title for the game of *Propaganda*.

The form for ordering reading games questions will be emailed to league contact persons later this month.

## Theme

The outline for this year's theme, "The Supreme Court Now and Then," can be downloaded at: <https://agloa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-2020-Theme-Outline.pdf>

## Presidents

The order form attached to this bulletin can be used to order the new Presidents disk with completely revised worksheets to fit the new groupings of the presidents (1-17, 16-33, and 28-45). Worksheets are included for all the themes in the eight-year rotation. And the generic worksheets from the previous edition (e.g., First Ladies, Vice Presidents, Nicknames, Slogans) are included with appropriate modifications for the new groupings. Purchasing the disk gives you duplication rights within your school.

The worksheets for this year's themes, Scandals (all divisions) and Foreign Affairs (Jr/Sr only), will be posted soon at [agloa.org](http://agloa.org) for free download. These worksheets serve as **study guides** for the themes. The lists of U.S. Leaders used for many years in Jr/Sr have been eliminated.

Finally, it was proposed that players be allowed to use a scratch sheet on which they could mark the range for the question and mark presidents eliminated by the 6- and 4-point clues. The sheet would be the answer sheet with just the numbers of the presidents for each question. The scratch sheet will be tested in the New Orleans league and in any other league that wishes to try it for their local tournament.



Submit questions to:  
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### Q1 Why is AGLOA creating monitors quizzes?

Consistency of rulings is necessary in the reading games as well as the cube games. Adults who were not coaches went to tables during reading games at the last nationals. Since no one at nationals knows the coaches from all the leagues, there was no way to know whether the adults were qualified to monitor.

## LinguiSHTIK

Two main changes in the rules for 2019-20.

1. The definition of Gerund in the *LinguiSHTIK Handbook and Judges Manual* was changed to read: "In general, a gerund is a verb form ending in '-ing' that is used as a noun."  
Explanation: Sometimes a gerund is in the passive voice, so in *LinguiSHTIK*, the word which is the past participle would not have an -ing ending, but the auxiliary would.  
Example: Being driven in a limousine is exciting. The gerund is **being driven**. The word which the player would be making is **driven**.
2. The definition of Prepositional Phrase in the *LinguiSHTIK Handbook and Judges Manual* was changed by removing the sentence which states "Any modifier that comes between a preposition and its object is part of the prepositional phrase." In the examples below, judges had ruled that the prepositional phrase ends with the object of the preposition highlighted in yellow. Changing the definition means that all the underlined words are now considered part of the prepositional phrase.  
**Ex. The sentence for the crime that he committed was suspended.** In this sentence the adjective clause that he committed would be considered part of the adjective prepositional phrase for the crime.  
**Ex. We walked near the tree with the pink blossoms.** In this sentence the adjective prepositional phrase with the pink blossoms would be considered part of the adverb prepositional phrase near the tree.

### Q2 Why were the lists of U.S. Leaders used in Jr/Sr Presidents for many years eliminated?

Most of the leaders in those lists have been included in the worksheets for the various themes in the eight-year rotation. Examples:

John Jay and Henry Clay are part of the events of the Scandals worksheet for Group A (1-17). Douglas McArthur is in the Scandals worksheet for Group B (16-33). Daniel Webster is in the Foreign Affairs worksheet for Group A. Other leaders are included in the worksheets for future themes.

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Prices below are valid until **August 1, 2020**. After that, go to [agloa.org](http://agloa.org) to download the latest order form.

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