

## PEER EVALUATION – PROBLEM-SOLUTION SPEECH

Speaker's Name: Jack Fenton

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Write a helpful comment about each of the following areas:

1. The speaker's introduction and conclusion.  
The introduction effectively painted a vivid picture and clearly stated the purpose to show how the steroid era boosted engagement, records, and popularity. The conclusion provided a strong summary, urging recognition of the era's transformative role in saving the game.
2. The speaker's organization (main points and transitions).  
The speech was well-structured around clear main points covering fan engagement, legendary records, and the revival of popularity. Effective transitions were used to move smoothly between these key areas of discussion.
3. The speaker's use of supporting materials.  
The speaker utilized specific examples like the 1998 home run race and Barry Bonds' records. Mentions of sources citing increased TV ratings, attendance, and financial success added strong support and credibility to the claims presented.
4. The speaker's delivery.  
The speaker's lifelong passion for baseball came through, adding an authentic layer to the presentation. The energy used to describe the era made the delivery engaging.
5. The speaker's use of visual aid.  
Unfortunately I did not see any slides in the speech, however the content was still delivered well. The speech was clear even without one.
6. What was the most persuasive aspect of the speech?  
The most persuasive aspect was arguably the argument that the steroid era served as a crucial "lifeline" for baseball, successfully bringing back energy, excitement, and fans

after the 1994 strike. Highlighting the resulting soaring TV ratings, packed stadiums, and financial growth provided strong evidence for this claim.

7. What was the least persuasive aspect of the speech?

While the speech did acknowledge the controversy and ethical debates surrounding the era, it largely focused on how these elements, along with the sensational performances, contributed to renewed interest and made headlines. For some listeners, the aspect that might be perceived as less fully developed, and thus potentially less persuasive, could be the depth of discussion regarding the significant ethical concerns