**Quotes for the 2024 Speech Tournament**

***Grade 6***

1. “Innovation is taking two things that exist and putting them together in a new way.“

Tom Freston (born 1945), Co-founder of MTV

2. “The value of an idea lies in the using of it.“

Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931), Inventor

3. “If you look at history, innovation doesn’t come just from giving people incentives; it comes from creating environments where their ideas can connect.“

Steven Johnson (born 1968), Science author & media theorist

4. “If I had asked the public what they wanted, they would have said a faster horse.“

Henry Ford (1863 – 1947), Founder of Ford Motor Company

5. “When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.“

Unknown, An ancient Chinese proverb

6. “The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.“

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Playwright

7. “They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.“

Andy Warhol (1928 – 1987), Artist

8. “Don’t be afraid to take big steps when one is indicated. You can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.”

David Lloyd George (1863-1945), Politician

9. “Innovation comes from saying NO to 1000 things.“

Steve Jobs (1955-2011), Co-founder of Apple

10. “If at first the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it.“

Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955), Mathematician

11. “If you’re not failing every now and again, it’s a sign you’re not doing anything very innovative“

Woody Allen (born 1935), Director, writer, actor, and comedian

12. “A ship is safe in harbor, but that’s not what ships are for.“

William Shedd (1820 – 1894), Presbyterian theologian

13. “There is no innovation and creativity without failure. Period.“

Brené Brown (born 1965), Professor in social research

14. “If I have a thousand ideas and only one turns out to be good, I am satisfied.“

Alfred Nobel (1833 – 1896) Chemist, engineer, and inventor

15. “I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.“

Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931), Inventor

16. “Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen.“

John Steinbeck (1902 – 1968), Nobel awarded author

17. “It’s easy to come up with new ideas; the hard part is letting go of what worked for you two years ago, but will soon be out of date.“

Roger von Oech (born 1948), Speaker, author, and toy-maker

18. “Daring ideas are like chessmen moved forward; they may be beaten, but they may start a winning game."

Johann Goethe (1749 – 1832), Writer

19. “What is now proved was once only imagined.“

William Blake (1757 – 1827), Poet, painter, and printmaker

20. “A pile of rocks ceases to be a rock pile when somebody contemplates it with the idea of a cathedral in mind.“

Antoine Saint-Exupéry (1900 – 1944), Writer, poet, and journalist

***Grade 7-8***

“Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity - not a threat.”

Steve Jobs

“Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things.”

Theodore Levitt

“What is now proved was once only imagined.”

William Blake

“Imagination is more important than knowledge.”

Albert Einstein

“The greatest invention in the world is the mind of a child.”

Thomas Edison

“When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.“

An ancient Chinese proverb

“There’s a way to do it better. Find it.“

Thomas Edison

“A ship is safe in harbor, but that’s not what ships are for.“

William Shedd, Presbyterian theologian

“What good is an idea if it remains an idea? Try. Experiment. Fail. Try again. Change the world.“

Simon Sinek, Author, motivational-consultant

“The way to get good ideas is to get lots of ideas and throw the bad ones away.“

Linus Pauling, Chemist, author, and educator

“He who asks a question is a fool for 5 minutes. He who does not ask a question remains a fool forever."

An ancient Chinese proverb

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

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Johann Goethe

“They did not know it was impossible so they did it.“

Mark Twain

“The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible.” Arthur C. Clarke