

**Debs Foundation 2010 Essay Contest
Scoring Rubric**

- _____/10 Appropriate length (2+ pages, 12 point font, 1 inch margins)
- _____/20 Does the quote below, the subject of the essay contest, appear in the text?
 "It is far more dangerous to attempt to gag the people than to allow
 them to speak freely what is in their hearts."
 --Eugene V. Debs, September 12, 1918, in his address to the jury
- _____/30 Discussion of the relevance of the quote at the time it was spoken
- _____/30 Discussion of the relevance of the quote for us in 2010
- _____/10 Enthusiasm? Well-written? Good ideas? Conveyed a connection with Debs?
- _____/100 **Total**