

As part of your requirements for completion of the eighth grade year, you must present an informative speech, based upon a topic of your choosing, in front of your middle school peers. There are several steps to completing the requirement, and one of these you will work on and submit as part of your summer work.

Upon returning next year, you will present to me a recipe card (3" x 5") with your name and three possible topics listed below. You are required to submit three possibilities to avoid any overlap in topics. We may not have, for example, four speeches on breast cancer. The guidelines for selecting a topic area are as follows:

- The speech may not be a travelogue, though you may choose to do a cultural comparison (The United States compared to another culture that you know well) or a speech which deals with factual information about another nation (i.e. the decreasing Snows of Kilimanjaro);
- The speech may not be a biography; and
- The speech should not be about a family member.

Once you return, you will be responsible for scheduling the due date for your rough draft, two practice dates and a final delivery date. Missing these dates will incur penalties; it is half a letter grade off for missed practices and a full letter grade off for a missed speech date. Please keep this in mind when scheduling your dates.