

Civil War Speech Instructions

You are going to write and present a speech over the person you chose from the Civil War. Follow the steps below to make sure you have met all the requirements. Place a check next to each stop when it is completed.

_____1. Learning about the person: Although you may find numerous web sites or books on the person you are researching, you do not need to read every part. Sort through and find the parts relative to your speech. Pick the best parts from each source.

_____2. Taking Notes: You will take notes on 3 major areas of your person's life. First: their history and personality. Try to find basic facts about where they are from and their life prior to the Civil War. Second: Their role in the Civil War. What were they doing during the war, why are we studying them? Explain how they were important during this time period. Third: After the war. Are they alive, where do they now live? Do they have a job, kids?

_____3. Fill in the note page from your teacher and then go back and re read it. Highlight or underline the facts you find most important or useful for your speech.

_____4. Now write your speech. Your speech should be 2-3 minutes in length. You may use 1 notecard with facts (not your whole speech) listed on it. Your speech needs to be written in **1st person** because you are pretending to be this person in history. Write your speech out in full on the handout-have your teacher read it for issues before you finalize.

_____5. Plan your historical visual prop. This must be an item you bring to represent your person. It could be clothing you wear, a book, household item, or artifact. (no weapons of any kind allowed) If you need to make your prop, plan time do that. Talk to your parents about ideas and get them to help you.

_____6. Practice your speech. It must not be less than 2 min or more than 3 min. You need to practice looking UP and at the class as you speak. It should seem as though you are telling us your story, so it should not be read from a paper. Practice while standing in front of a mirror or your parents. Your note cards should only have KEY words to help prompt your memory. Do not fidget or giggle. Be confident and ready to speak.

_____7. Look at the rubric that is attached-make sure you have done everything to get EXCELLENT!