| **Demonstration Speech**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fOWQ3MzY5MTYyMGU0MDJkNTJlNDkwZjJjY2FiYjNmN2M)   * Presentation shows how to do something while demonstrating the process at the same time * 4 - 8 minutes in length * **1 - 2 speakers** with equal speaking parts * Visual aids and props expected * Memorized or single 4x6 notecard per speaker   *Individual or Partner Category* | **Farrago**   * Present and interpret a mixture of prose, poetry, drama, etc… that connect to a central theme * 4 - 8 minutes in length * Speaker cannot take multiple steps with reading pieces * Introduction and transitions memorized, content of pieces read from page   *Individual Category* | **Group Acting**  [**Liuk to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fOWQ3MzY5MTYyMGU0MDJkNTJlNDkwZjJjY2FiYjNmN2M)   * Group members act out a short play or scene * 5 - 10 minutes in length * Primary focus of performers should be on each other over the audience * **2 - 4 speakers** * Script is completely memorized   *Group Category* |
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| **Group Interpretation**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fZTlkNjA2YjRjZDkxNGE0NjBiMzFiOTU1ZDlkOGYwODQ)   * Group members present and interpret a literary text (play, story, poem, etc…) * 5 - 10 minutes in length * Primary focus of performers should be on audience, not each other * **2 - 4 speakers** * Introduction and transitions memorized, content of pieces read from page   *Group Category* |  | **Humorous Solo Acting**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fYWU5MGNmMzFiYzYyYjAzYWIxNTkzM2ZjMjFiODE1OWI)   * Humorous acting of a professional scene or original piece * 3 - 8 minutes in length * Piece may be a monologue (one character) or include several characters * Script is completely memorized   *Individual Category* |
| **Impromptu Speaking**   * Present an impromptu (off the cuff) speech based on prompt * 2 - 4 minutes in length * Prompt is drawn 2 minutes before performance * Speaker may have single 4x6 notecard   *Individual Category* | **Infomercial**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fOTg5YzQxN2NmYmQ2ZWE3YmMyYTcwMjM3MTI0NzY0OWM)   * Write and present a TV style infomercial to sell real or imagined product or service * 2 ½ - 5 minutes in length * **1 - 2 speakers** with equal speaking parts * Visual aids and props expected, costumes allowed * Memorized or single 4x6 notecard per speaker   *Individual or Partner Category* | **Informative Speech**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fNGU3MTY5MDgxZWIwZTVmYzM0NzE1ZmY4ZjgxNWEzMTA)   * Write and present speech to inform audience about a topic of the speaker’s choosing * 2 - 4 minutes in length * Visual aid expected * Memorized or single 4x6 notecard   *Individual Category* |

| **Moments in History**   * Write and present speech to inform audience about a topic from the year’s chosen decade * 3 - 6 minutes on length * Visual aid expected * Memorized or single 4x6 notecard   *Individual Category* | **News Reporting**   * Prepare and present news report based on current events * 5 - 10 minutes in length * Visual aid expected * News stories must be updated throughout season to stay current * **1 - 3 speakers** * News portions must be read from manuscript   *Individual or Group Category* | **Non-Original Oratory**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fNDNiYTZlOTlkMGUyNTNhMjk5MTNhODRkMjNkNjJlYWQ)   * Present and interpret inspirational or persuasive speech originally given by someone else in the past * 4 - 8 minutes in length * Introduction memorized, content of speech memorized or may refer to script   *Individual Category* |
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| **Persuasive Speaking**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fMTUwM2QyMWMzNTM0NzA0YzMzNWEyM2E5NmY1MjI3Y2M)   * Write and present a speech to persuade audience * 3 ½ - 7 minutes in length * Memorized or 4x6 note cards permitted   *Individual Category* | **Poetry**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fMTU2MTcxODZmYjc4MjA3YzRlMmQyMTJmMjdlZjdkMjM)   * Present and interpret one or multiple poems that share a theme * 4 - 8 minutes in length * Speaker cannot take multiple steps while reading poem(s) * Introduction and transitions memorized, content of poems read from page   *Individual Category* | **Prose**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fODVjZDE3YmMwMTUyNGMwMmY1M2Q0N2UyZWRkZjQ0YTM)   * Present and interpret one short story or cutting from a text that has no metrical structure (is not poetry) * 4 - 8 minutes in length * Speaker cannot take multiple steps while reading prose text(s) * Introduction and transitions memorized, content of poems read from page   *Individual Category* |
| **Serious Solo Acting**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fNGYyNmMwZGM4NWFiZjJhNjg0OWI1YTUwOWNmMDAwZTQ)   * Serious (sad, tragic, etc…) acting of a professional scene or original piece * 3 - 8 minutes in length * Piece may be a monologue (one character) or include several characters * Script is completely memorized   *Individual Category* | **Special Events**  [**This year’s options**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LLWRrONhDuH6PmZVpQIBU2IUeiWW1Ss2drkx6Wmj80k/edit?usp=sharing)   * Write and present a speech to fit one of the designated situations * 3 - 6 minutes in length * **1 - 3 speakers** with equal speaking parts * Visual aids and props expected, costumes allowed * Memorized or single 4x6 notecard per speaker   *Individual or Group Category* | **Storytelling**  [**Link to Example**](https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fNDljMjQ5NjE0MTBjMTQzOWNiY2JjZTVjZjBiODZjY2Y)   * Present a story intended for young children (may be original or based off of a published piece) * 4 - 8 minutes in length * The story must be told from the perspective of a 3rd person narrator, but character voices may be used as well * Story is told without any notes and should feel dynamic and spontaneous   *Individual Category* |