| **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* |