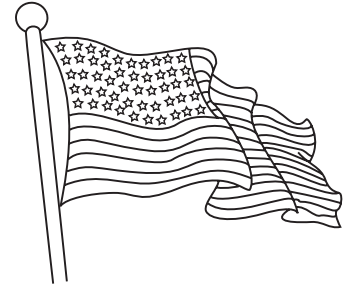

Patriotic Speech

Introduction

Assigning a Patriotic Speech is an excellent way to introduce students to famous quotations important to the United States or songs that relate to our country. Although this speech may be assigned during any month, February (which has Presidents' Day) or May (which has Memorial Day) are months you may want to consider for a Patriotic Speech assignment.



Assignment

Students begin this speech by presenting basic introduction information, including their complete name and the date. Students are also required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, students will select a patriotic quotation to recite or sing a patriotic song.

Speech Components

- ❖ Student's complete name (first name and last name, middle name if desired)
- ❖ Today's date (the date of the speech)
- ❖ Recites the Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Recites a patriotic saying or sings a patriotic song

👉 Tips for Student Success

Consider beginning early in the school year to prepare students for this speech assignment. Saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing a patriotic song in school each day is a law in many states. Help expose students to a variety of patriotic quotations and songs by selecting a different one each month on which to focus. Chart the words to the quotations and songs included as suggestions for this speech assignment. Use the chart to help students learn the words as you say the quotation or sing the song each day after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. If a different quotation or song is learned each month, by the time this speech assignment is given, students will have no problem committing one to memory.

Patriotic Quotations and Songs

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands:
one Nation under God, indivisible,
With Liberty and Justice for all.

Patriotic Sayings

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

~ **Thomas Jefferson**

Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

~ **Abraham Lincoln**

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

~ **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Patriotic Songs

You're a Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag, you're a high flying flag;
And forever in peace may you wave;
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true for the Red, White, and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag;
But, should old acquaintance be forgot.
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

There Are Many Flags

There are many flags in many lands,
There are flags of every hue.
But there is no flag however grand,
Like our old Red, White, and Blue.
Then hurrah for the flag, our country's flag,
Its stripes and white stars, too.
There is no flag in any land like our own
Red, White, and Blue.

Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue

Three cheers for the Red, White, and Blue,
Three cheers for the Red, White, and Blue!
The flag of America forever,
Three cheers for the Red, White, and Blue!

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Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

Presenting a formal speech is an excellent opportunity for students to develop oral language skills and to become comfortable speaking in front of a group. On this speech assignment, students will be required to present the items listed below. An example of what your child’s speech may sound like is also below.

1. Child’s first and last name (middle name, if desired)
2. Today’s complete date (day, month, date, and year of the speech)
3. Recites the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Recites a patriotic saying or sings a patriotic song (see the attached “Patriotic Quotations and Songs” sheet for ideas)

Example:

“Good morning, boys and girls. My name is Kim Williams. Today is Wednesday, March 9, 2005. I would like to recite the Pledge of Allegiance for you. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. I will now recite for you a quote by Martin Luther King: ‘I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.” Thank you.’”

Attached is a sample of the evaluation sheet that will be used in assessing your child’s speech. Please help your child practice the items listed above so that he or she is prepared for his or her presentation on the date noted on the calendar.

Sincerely,

Teacher

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Oral Language Assessment

Student's Name: _____

Speech Components

Yes	No	Item
		States first and last name
		States complete date
		Recites the Pledge of Allegiance
		Recites a patriotic saying or sings a patriotic song

Oral Language Presentation Components

Yes	Needs Improvement	No	Item
			Recites the Pledge of Allegiance with expression and appropriate phrasing
			Recites patriotic quotation or sings patriotic song with expression and appropriate phrasing
			Speaks clearly
			Has good voice projection
			Has good eye contact
			Has good posture
			Shows evidence of having practiced the speech at home

Comments: _____