

## Historical Speech

### A Historical Speech is:

- ✓ Presenting a speech originally given by a historical figure.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Historical Speech Ages 7-9	1	May use costume	2-10 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Historical Speech Ages 10-13	1	May use costume	2-10 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Historical Speech Ages 14-18	1	May use costume	5-15 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

### Equipment Provided:

- No equipment is needed for this category.

### Rules:

1. Participants select all or a portion of a one speech previously given by someone else in a historical setting, such as Washington's Inaugural Address, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Sojourner Truths' "Ain't I a Woman" Speech, Reagan's "Tear Down This Wall" Speech.
2. The original speaker and the setting for the selection should be introduced during the presentation.
3. A short section may be added to the presentation to explain the background and historical context of the selection.
4. 4-H members are encouraged to dress in the time - period and manner of the original speaker or audience. This is optional.
5. No props, or audiovisuals allowed.
6. Hands must not touch the floor, and one foot must remain on the floor at all times.
7. The entire presentation must be the original work of the 4-H member and abide by all copyright laws. All images and music must be cited correctly.
8. You must present your presentation in person.
9. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
10. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
11. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.



## Historical Speech Score Sheet

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** Junior (7-9) | Intermediate (10 -13) | Senior (14 - 18)

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Start Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ | **End Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extension Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Weight	The speaker	P	B	R	W	Comments
<b>20</b>	<b>Content Selection:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Selection has historical merit, is from one speech, and is worthy of performance</li> <li>▪ Subject matter is appropriate and tasteful</li> <li>▪ Meets time requirement</li> </ul>					
<b>40</b>	<b>Vocal Delivery:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communicates directly and sincerely</li> <li>▪ Holds audience’s attention</li> <li>▪ Speaks clearly</li> <li>▪ Develops characters portrayed effectively and distinctly</li> <li>▪ Incorporates proper vocal techniques including projection, articulation, tone/pitch, rate/fluency, and inflection</li> <li>▪ Demonstrates accurate pronunciation</li> <li>▪ Performance is free from distracting mannerisms (um’s, ah’s, etc.)</li> </ul>					
<b>40</b>	<b>Physical Delivery:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Displays appropriate gestures and facial expressions</li> <li>▪ Develops physical attributes of characters effectively and distinctly</li> <li>▪ Exhibits good energy level, passion, movement, and posture Performance is free from distracting mannerisms (swaying, hands in pockets, etc.)</li> </ul>					

**Penalty: Reduction by One Ribbon**

\_\_\_ Exceeds Time (30-second grace period)

\_\_\_ Did not note the original orator and the setting for the original speech in the presentation.

**Top Purple    Alternate Top Purple    Purple    Blue    Red    White    Judge’s Initial: \_\_\_\_\_**