

Public Presentation Categories

* **Demonstration-** The presenter *shows* an *explains how to do or make something* (how to juggle, do a basic dance steps, build a kite, make cookies, care for a pet, etc.). Appropriate equipment, models or illustrations, posters/visuals are used to explain information being conveyed and to show the steps in the process being demonstrated. It is sometimes necessary to show a larger scale replica of something that is too small for the audience to see. A finished product is shown. **TEAM Demonstrations ARE** allowed at the state level and should reflect a topic requiring teamwork as well as effective balancing of verbal communication and hands-on action.

* **Illustrated Talk-** The presenter uses visual aids to *tell about* the topic. The effective use of charts, pictures, posters, slides, PowerPoint slides, overheads, graphs, examples, models, etc. play a major role in communicating the presenter's message. **TEAM Illustrated Talks are NOT** allowed at the state level.

* **Formal Speech-** The presenter aims to *persuade, motivate or inform* the audience without the use of visuals. Proper use of note cards is acceptable. In this category, the presenter chooses and researches a topic of choice. Depending on the topic chosen, the presenter chooses a format (persuasive, motivational, or informative) that best suits what is to be conveyed to the audience. For example, if the topic is censorship of literature, the presenter can choose to inform the audience about this topic, persuade the audience of his convictions, or motivate the audience to take a more active role in making current changes in the arena. A Speech is written in the presenter's own words, however, poetry, quotations, humor, or imagery may be incorporated to command attention or emphasize a point. **TEAM Speeches are NOT** allowed at the state level.

* **Recitation-** The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools, delivers his rendition of a piece of **pre-written material**. Props/costumes should not be used, but appropriate dress to **subtly** represent to character or mood of the written piece is acceptable. **Dress should not overwhelm the oral presentation**. Memorization is expected, but proper use of notes is permitted either in the form of note cards or a book. This area is not intended for presentation or original pieces of material written by the presenter. **TEAM Recitations are NOT** allowed at the state level.

* **Dramatic Interpretation-** *The presenter or team of two* delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. The content can be taken from plays, movies, sketches, or monologues- dramatic or comedic. This form of presentation, by definition, should include props and costumes. Props need to be **simple and minimal**, not detracting from the strength of the presenter(s). Original pieces written by the presenter(s) are accepted in this category.