



Speech for Every Classroom



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Step 1: Decide what subject you'd like to share and narrow your focus.

Step 2: Decide your method of presentation.

- Dramatic storytelling
- Create a song or rap (think Hamilton)
- Write a scene
- Create a video
- Present an infomercial or documentary-style scene
- Create a movement or dance piece
- Use a game to demonstrate concepts
- If students are struggling, suggest students approach the topic as if they were trying to teach the concept to a group of elementary school students.

Step 3: Execute the plan.

Step 4: Present the creation.

- Invite other teachers.
- Perform for other classes.

IDEAS:

Social Studies

- **Choral Reading/Readers Theatre**
 - Have the students perform a choral reading or readers theatre using the Bill of Rights or possibly the Preamble of the Constitution.
- **Mock Trial and Debates**
 - Students can research a specific moment in history. Take a stance on an issue.
- **Scene Work**
 - Have students create a scene to show the different causes of the American Revolution.

Science

- **Scene Work**
 - Have students perform a scene demonstrating their understanding of scientific terms.
- **PSA**
 - Have students create a PSA explaining global warming and ways we can help the environment.

Math

- **Theatre Game Play (Mingle-Make-A)**
 - Play the game Mingle and have students create the geometric shapes and the angles with their bodies.
- **Instructional Video or Speech**
 - Have students create an instructional video, explaining how to solve a math problem. They will need to verbalize how to solve the problem.

Language Arts

- **Scene Work**
 - Dramatize portions of books (add costumes and props).
- **Monologue Work**
 - Pick a character from a book, write a monologue from the character's perspective.
 - Have the students perform one of their writing pieces as an acting piece, literary program, etc.

Resource:

Hishon, Kerry. "Pitch Your Project: A Cross-Curricular Performance Challenge." *The Theatrefolk Blog*, 16 May 2018, www.theatrefolk.com/blog/pitch-your-project-a-cross-curricular-performance-challenge/.