



4-H Tropicana Speech Timeline

<u>March 13th</u>	Speech is assigned
<u>March 15th</u>	Topic due - approved by teacher
<u>March 29th</u>	Plan sheet due
<u>April 4th</u>	Speech is due (handwritten or typed)- Writing test grade.
<u>April 6th</u>	Speech needs to be transferred to <u>index cards</u> due on April 6th.
<u>April 9th</u>	This is speech rehearsal day!
<u>April 10th</u>	TODAY IS THE BIG DAY—PRESENT YOUR SPEECH!

- Your speech must be longer than two minutes, but no longer than three minutes. This means you may have to add or remove parts of your speech.
- Practice your speech often using index cards, not reading from the written essay. Be sure to look up from your index cards and make eye contact with your audience. Practice voice inflection and intonation. Make sure you speak loudly enough for your audience to hear.
- Practice in front of the mirror.
- Practice in front of a group of people.
- Have someone time you and give you feedback.
- Examples of Tropicana speech topics can be found online along with video clips of students giving their speeches on Youtube.

I know you will be very prepared and will do a wonderful job on **April 10th** when you give your speech. The winning student from each classroom will be invited to participate in the grade level competition on April 19th. The

audience for the classroom speeches will be limited to judges only due to space.