

6. With your counselor's approval, choose a speech of national historical importance. Find out about the author, and tell your counselor about the person who gave the speech. Explain the importance of the speech at the time it was given, and tell how it applies to American citizens today. Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, and tell your counselor why.

Counselor's Note: Choose a speech from those listed below. Read or Listen to them.

A Model of Christian Charity – April 1630
Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God – July 1741
Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death – March 1775
George Washington's First Inaugural Address – March 1789
Red Jacket Defends Native American Religion – 1805
Monroe's State of the Union Address to Congress – January 1823
The American Scholar – August 1837
Abraham Lincoln's Lyceum Address – January 1838
The Divinity School Address – July 1838
Ain't I a Woman? – June 1851
The Hypocrisy of American Slavery – July 1852
A House Divided – June 1858
The Gettysburg Address – November 1863
Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address – March 1865
Is it a Crime for a Citizen of the United States to Vote? – 1873
The Cotton States and International Exposition Speech – September 1895
Cross of Gold Speech – 1896
The Man with the Muckrake – 1906
Free Speech in Wartime – October 1917
The Four Freedoms – January 1918
The Children's Era – March 1925
FDR's first Inaugural Address – March 1933
Every Man a King – February 1934
Labor and the Nation – September 1937
The Struggle for Human Rights – September 1948
Farewell Address to Congress – April 1951
Richard Nixon's Checkers Speech – September 1952
JFK's first Inaugural Address – March 1961
Ich bin ein Berliner – June 1963
Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" Speech – August 1963
The Ballot or the Bullet – April 1964
Address to Congress on the Voting Rights Act - March 1965
I've Been to the Mountaintop – April 1968
For the Equal Rights Amendment – August 1970

A Crisis of Confidence – July 1979

A Left-Handed Commencement Address – May 1983

Challenger Disaster Address – January 1986

Ronald Reagan in Berlin – June 1987

Women's Rights are Human's Rights – September 1995

The Perils of Indifference – April 1999