

RMCSS speech and Bible selection requirements

Bible Selections

Students may choose a Bible passage of a suitable length according to the guidelines below. It is the responsibility of the student to **print off a copy** of the Bible passage in the **English Standard Version (ESV)** to turn in to their teacher.

Speech

Speech Meet selections have been expanded for **grades 2-10** to include a variety of speeches. A list of approved speeches is found below. You may also, of course, request an outside speech. It is up to you, the student, to choose an excerpt of the speech that is long enough for your grade level. Once you have chosen an excerpt, it is your responsibility to **print off** that excerpt to turn in to your teacher.

Requirement and Guidelines

Grade	Minimum Word Count of Speech Excerpt	Minimum Verse Count for Bible Passages	Minimum Lines for Poetry Selections
1st	<i>No speech selections for first grade</i>	5-10 verses	10-20 lines
2nd	100 or more	8-15 verses	15-25 lines
3rd	100 or more	10-15 verses	15-25 lines
4th	200 or more	12-18 verses	20-30 lines
5th	350 or more	14-20 verses	25-35 lines
6th	350 or more	16-22 verses	30-40 lines
7th	450 or more	18-24 verses	35-45 lines
8th	450 or more	20-26 verses	40-50 lines
9th-12th	550 or more	22-28 verses	45-55 lines

Speech possibilities

Political Speeches

Alexander the Great's victory speech, found [here](#)

Pericles' Funeral Oration from Thucydides, found [here](#)

Demosthenes - The Third Philippic, found [here](#)

Queen Elizabeth I, The Spanish Armada speech, found [here](#)

Winston Churchill, We Shall Fight on the Beaches, found [here](#)

William Wilberforce, Abolition Speech

American

Live your Life, Chief Tecumseh

Citizenship in the Republic, Teddy Roosevelt (Man in the Arena), found [here](#)

Reagan's Farewell Address to the American People

John F Kennedy, Inaugural Address

Martin Luther King Jr., I Have a Dream

Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address

Washington's Farewell Address 1796, found [here](#)

Patrick Henry, Give me Liberty or Give me Death

Theodore Roosevelt, Strength and Decency

Shakespeare:

Hamlet, "To be or not to be"

Macbeth, "Tomorrow, tomorrow, and tomorrow"

Julius Caesar, Marc Antony's speech "Friends, Romans, Countrymen"

As You Like It, Jaques, "The Seven Ages of Man"

9th Grade Additions

Ancient Near Eastern Cosmogonies & Flood Narratives

- Genesis 1:1-2:3
- Genesis 6:1-7:4
- Tablet II of the *Atrahasis*, excerpts
- Table VI of the *Enuma Elish*, verses 1-68
- Hesiod's *Theogony*, lines 1-52

Theophanies

- Ezekial 1
- Isaiah 6

Promises of Restoration

- Isaiah 40
- Jeremiah 29:1-32
- Ezekiel 34
- Ezekiel 37

Epic

- Homer's *Iliad*, Book I, lines 1-50
- Homer's *Iliad*, Book VI, lines 462-520
- Homer's *Iliad*, Book VI, lines 556-600
- Homer's *Iliad*, Book XVIII, lines 91-150
- Homer's *Iliad*, Book XXII, lines 157-199
- Homer's *Iliad*, Book XXII, lines 270-320
- Homer's *Iliad*, Book XXIV, lines 893-944
- Homer's *Odyssey*, Book XIII, lines 324-373
- Homer's *Odyssey*, Book XIV, lines 1-53
- Homer's *Odyssey*, Book XXIV, lines 1-48
- Homer's *Odyssey*, Book XXIV, lines 241-293
- *Epic of Gilgamesh*, Tablet IX, excerpts
- *Paradise Lost* by John Milton, lines 1-75

Plato's Dialogues

- Plato's *Symposium*, 189e-191a
- Plato's *Republic*, 343b-344c
- Plato's *Phaedo*, 117a-118b

Classical Theater

- *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles, lines 847-909

10th Grade Poetry Additions

- *The Faerie Queene*, Edmund Spenser
- *The Pearl*