

Homeschool Spotlight

Middle School Ideas

(Note that these are starting points, not requirements.)

Informative Speech - Explain a topic so that someone unfamiliar with it understands

- Use a clear beginning, middle, and end. Include facts or examples.

Persuasive Speech - Take a clear position and try to convince the audience using reasons and evidence.

- Try to anticipate a question or objection someone might have.
- Examples: a rule that should change, a cause worth supporting
- Creative twist - present a debate with a friend taking the opposing viewpoint, or bring in a hat, glasses, etc to swap characters and present both sides.

Literary or Dramatic Interpretation - Present a memorized or prepared selection with attention to meaning, pacing, expression, and audience.

- Poem, monologue, historical speech, dramatic scene, literary passage, etc.
- You may briefly introduce the author, context, or significance of the selection.

Research Presentation - Ask a question, research it, and report what you learn.

- Use more than one source and identify the most important/surprising information.
- Examples: What caused ____? Why is ____? How does ____?

Demonstration - Teach a process step by step with explanations

- Use an object, model, experiment, visual, or live demonstration when useful.*
- Examples: art or music technique, recipe step, science procedure, task

Biography/Living History - Research a real person and present their life and impact

- Talk about the person or as the person.
- Focus on why they are worth knowing about, not just facts and dates.

*Please check with a librarian before bringing in visuals. Space is limited and anything that requires special setup or will make a mess may not be allowed.