

Speech opening

How to Write a Powerful Speech Opening

You might begin with:

A short greeting

- Hello,
- Greetings from....,
- I'm happy to be here today,
- Thanks for having me,

Introducing yourself and your qualifications

- I'm _____ a 5th Grader at Clear Water Elementary.
- I'm _____ a historian with The Kid's History Network.
- I'm _____ a writer for The Kid's History Network.
- I'm _____ a speaker for The Kid's History Network.

You encourage your audience to continue listening by:

Telling a powerful story - One time, One day, Back in time, Back in history, etc.

Asking a thought-provoking question - Who, What, Where, When, Why, How?

Write a Powerful statement

Asking a thought-provoking question:

Hello, my name is Salina and I'm a writer for the Kids History Channel. Have you ever ask yourself, Why does someone want Nati Americans (Cherokee) to move to Arkansas away from their

home? Why do they then want them to move to Oklahoma? Well, imagine going on a trail of death and tears then move away from your home with no rights. I learned that some native americans don't have freedom.

Telling a powerful story:

I'm happy to be here today. I'm Salina a 5th Grader at Lanigan J.A. Elementary and I'm going to tell you a story. Back in time, I went to a jewelery shop then something hit me I had a thought back in time about a tribe called Cherokee that got forced out of their home to the west because of gold was found on their land.

Body of speech

In 1828, white settlers soon found gold on Cherokee land although, it was illegal for the Cherokees to dig gold from their own land. Before, the gold rush Thomas Jefferson believed a policy called Indian removal and that meant moving west ultimately, he believed that it would take 1000 years for the Cherokees to settle west.

When they got to Indian territory, there was no open land and other Indians were already occupying the land so, the Indians put war on the Cherokees. After, ten years of being in Arkansas they had to move again to Oklahoma. While, on the journey many Cherokees died and cried that's why it's called the trail of tears.



Conclusion

How to Write a Powerful Speech Closing

- Let your audience know your speech is ending
- Call to action
- Thank your audience

Other ideas for closings:

- Add repetition
- Share a striking story
- Use emotion and feeling
- Give examples
- Etc., as noticed in MLK Jr. speech and other mentors

Thank you!
But before I go
I want you to
think about what
it was like for
the Indians, now
think how you
want to be treated
and treat others
the same way.

Thank You