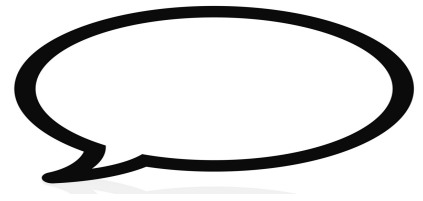


# Scholars Speak



## What is it?

- About once a month you will have the opportunity to research a given topic. You will write about, illustrate, and then present on the topic to the class.
- The expectation is that you treat these the Scholars Speak topic as a “mini” research project. It is my goal to arm you with the tools you will need later to research, execute, and present a finished piece.

## What is the format?

- Complete a Thinking Map to brainstorm and solidify thoughts, and then write.
- On the provided lined paper, use your best printing and lots of details (“show rather than tell”). An interesting piece does not mean lengthy, although I have included two sides to each writing paper. You may include your opinion about what you researched as a small part of your writing piece.
- The last part of the task is to add an illustration in color.
- These writing pieces will go up on display, they are not designed to be completed in one sitting. I expect you to do your best work. This may take several days to complete. Please make sure that your illustration supports your writing piece, and that you use the paper provided. If you need an additional copy, they are located under the “Scholars Speaks” tab on our class website.

## Your presentation...

- Please practice reading your writing piece with someone before the actual presentation (the presentation should not take longer than 2 minutes).
- After you present, your classmates will also give you “Glows and Grows” to highlight what you did well, and to give you constructive feedback on how to improve.
- Public speaking is a lifelong skill, and can be very frightening even for adults! I think you will be very pleased to see how confident you become when speaking in front of the class.

## When is it?

- We will try to do Scholars Speak once a month, depending on our other activities and the schedule. During the weeks when we have Scholars Speak presentations, ~6 students will present each day, but your final draft is due to me on the first presentation day (even if that is not your presentation day). I will give you my comments on the Scholars Speak rubric so you will know how you can continue to improve.



## My Presentation Day:

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