# **Social Studies Performing Projects**

# **U.S. History**

### **Basic Speech**

Develop an informational speech about an important historical event or person that wasn't covered in your textbook.

### **Demonstration Speech**

Create a demonstration speech that shows what happened in an important historical event (battle, natural disaster, assassination, and so on).

#### **Live Interview**

Interview a historian about a particular topic that you are studying.

#### **Debate**

Prepare a formal discussion about the value of a key historical action (law, election, ruling, and so on), or re-create a historical debate.

#### **Play**

Stage a historical play that addresses one of the topics you have studied in class.

# **World History/Culture**

#### **Basic Speech**

Develop an informational or persuasive speech about an important event or person from ancient history.

### **Demonstration Speech**

Create a speech demonstrating how to prepare a traditional dish or food unique to a particular part of the world.

#### **Live Interview**

Interview an individual knowledgeable about a particular time in world history.

#### **Debate**

Prepare a formal discussion about the value of a key law, election, or ruling in world history.

### **Play**

Stage a historical play that addresses a subject you have studied in class.

# Geography

#### **Basic Speech**

Develop an informational speech that explains the relationship between the lifestyle of a certain group and the geography of their homeland.

#### **Demonstration Speech**

Create a speech that demonstrates or shows how a particular geographical phenomenon has affected life in a particular area.

#### **Live Interview**

Interview someone from a different country to learn how the life and culture in that part of the world differs from American culture.

# **Government and Civics**

## **Basic Speech**

Develop an informational or persuasive speech about some aspect of local, state, national, or international government.

#### **Demonstration Speech**

Create a speech that shows the steps in a governmental process (how a bill becomes a law, how a recall is conducted, and so on).

#### Live Interview

Interview a politician or government employee about some aspect of government policy or civics.

#### Debate

Prepare a formal discussion about a timely issue related to government (should an ID be required to vote, should we have term limits, and so on).