

## **WORDS THAT CHANGED HISTORY EVENT GUIDELINES**

1. This will be an annual event held in the fall and usually in November.
2. Participants will not be limited to QEP courses, rather any COM student may participate.
3. Interested individuals may select their history speech from a list that has been prepared by the QEP subcommittee or they may select their own speech; however, speeches must be approved by the QEP subcommittee. The speech list that is prepared by the QEP subcommittee will not be limited by time periods or subjects as long as the speeches relate to history. Speeches on the list may also include famous speeches from movies and from print sources.
4. There will be no more than four speakers per event.
5. QEP subcommittee will review all applicants and hear their speeches. Auditions will be held a week to two weeks prior to the event.
6. The QEP sub-committee has devised an application form that students will complete – (i.e., contact information, etc.). The student application, student guidelines, and a list of proposed speeches will be available on the QEP page of the college website.
7. History speeches will be no less than 5 minutes and no more than 10 minutes. Some speeches may need to be edited to be reduced to a 10-minute speech. Students will edit the speeches they select to 10 minutes. Any speeches going over 10 minutes will be disqualified.
8. Students will introduce their own speeches. Speech introductions will be no more than one minute.
9. Awards will be given to participants. Each individual participant will receive a gift card and a certificate.
10. If participants select the same speech, the student with the earliest application entry form will have their first choice. The other student will get their second choice.
11. The speech contest application deadline will be approximately two weeks prior to the event.
12. Students will not use PowerPoint or other visual aids. Students do not have to memorize their speeches (although they may if they choose to do so). Students are not allowed to wear period costume. Students will appear in professional dress.
13. The Words That Changed History Day will be held in the college auditorium and students, faculty, staff, and the public will be invited.