

2020 VIRTUAL SPEECH FESTIVAL – IMPROMPTU PROMPTS



Instructions: Select one from among the prompts below to speak on (we realize we've offered more than you'd usually select from; this is to give you optimal selection during staying safer at home). Once you select, begin recording continuously as you prepare and speak.

1. The human capacity for burden is like bamboo- far more flexible than you'd ever believe at first glance." — **Jodi Picoult, author, My Sister's Keeper**
2. The Titanic (massive cruise liner that sunk in 1912)
3. "Woo girl, need to kick off your shoes
Got to take a deep breath, time to focus on you" – **Lizzo, musician**
4. Hiking in the spring
5. "Rock bottom became the solid foundation in which I rebuilt my life." — **J.K. Rowling, author**
6. With which historical figure would you spend a day?
7. "Truth is more valuable if it takes you a few years to find it." – Inspirational proverb
8. "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" – Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare
9. Red barns
10. The Beatles