



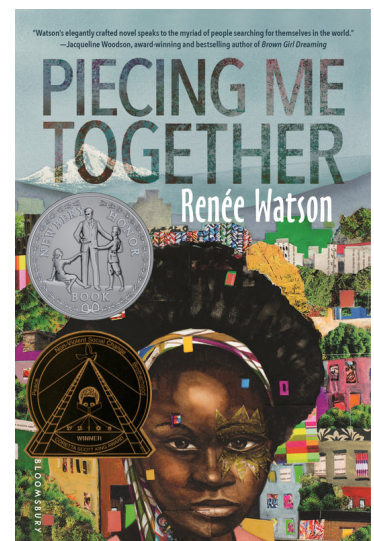
# SPEECH TREK 2020

**February 22, 2020**

**Forms and  
Information**

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**AAUW of Salem  
SPEECH TREK  
CONTEST INFORMATION – 2020**

**Speech Trek is part of Salem Reads 2020.** The Salem community selected *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson for the fourth season of [Salem Reads: One Book, One Community](#). This compelling and thoughtful story (based in Portland, Oregon) explores issues of friendships, race, privilege, and identity.

Free copies of *Piecing Me Together* are available at the Salem Public Library, or your local community library, and at libraries in the Salem-Keizer school district.

**2020 Contest Theme: Race, Equity and Opportunity**

Contestants are **REQUIRED to READ:** *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson and then prepare a persuasive speech focusing on one of the following topics:

**1. What can be done to change the climate of racism in our country?**

For example: What can be done to address racism in your own community, neighborhood or school?

**2. What can be done to improve equity for all young women in our country?**

For example: What can be done to address equity in the state of Oregon?

**3. What can be done to increase opportunity for all girls in our country?**

For example: What can be done to increase opportunity for girls in schools and communities?

**Competition Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

Location: Chemeketa Community College, Building 20, Room 121.

**Register: at [salem-or.aauw.net](http://salem-or.aauw.net) or email the registration forms to [dr.dellostritto@gmail.com](mailto:dr.dellostritto@gmail.com)**

or mail to: AAUW of Salem  
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Please complete the registration **no later than 11:59 pm February 1, 2020.**

**Eligibility:** Speech Trek is open to high school girls in 10th and 11th grade in the Cascade, Central, Dallas, Falls City, North Santiam, Salem-Keizer, and Silver Falls Oregon school districts.

**Time Limits:** Students are to prepare an original 5-6 minute speech, with a 30 second grace period on either side. Speaking under the 4:30 or over 6:30 will result in disqualification.

**Presentation:** These presentations are to be original speeches. Appropriate use of one 4"x6" note card is an option -- prompting is not allowed.

Speech Trek is limited to **20 participants chosen on a first come first served** basis. Two rounds will be held at the same time. If you do not advance to the final round, you are free to leave. There will be a final round where the winners will be chosen.

**Speeches must make at least one reference to the book, *Piecing Me Together*.**

**Judging:** During both rounds of competition, judges shall use the official ballot and score each speaker in each of the four areas: Content (0-40 points), Organization (0-10 points); and Delivery (0-50 points). The official ballot is included on our website ([saalem-or.aauw.net](http://saalem-or.aauw.net)).

**Finalists:** First place winner will receive \$500; Second place \$300 and Third place \$200.

**Questions:** Contact Mary Ellen Dello Stritto via email at [dr.dellostritto@gmail.com](mailto:dr.dellostritto@gmail.com).

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STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Advisor/Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School: \_\_\_\_\_

***My signature below certifies that I wish to participate in the AAUW of Salem Speech Contest and that I have received and read the following:***

***Contest Information      Judge's Ballot***

***Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information and Permission:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

***My signature below certifies that I have read the rules for the speech contest and wish for my child to participate in the AAUW of Salem speech contest. In addition, I understand that my child's name may be publicized locally as a contest participant, and that the speech will be recorded for higher-level competition and selection of finalists.***

***If my child is selected as the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner or one of the finalists, I understand that the video of my child's competition speech may be posted online or used to promote the contest in subsequent years. I understand, I will need to sign an AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE, prior to my child's participation in the competition.***

***Parent/Guardian Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

## **AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE**

### **AAUW Speech Trek Contest**

The undersigned participant of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Speech Trek Contest and the participant's parent or guardian hereby declare that they have read and understand all of the rules and conditions for the contest and that the undersigned has met all eligibility requirements on the date her contest entry was submitted.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent that the speech submitted to the Contest (the "Entry") is the participant's own original creation, and that the participant has perpetrated no fraud or deception in entering the contest or claiming any prize.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and warrant that neither they nor any parent or guardian is an employee of AAUW, or its related, parent, affiliated and subsidiary companies, advertising and promotion agencies, or the panel of judges, nor are they or her parent or guardian connected with them in any way.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian irrevocably grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, all rights, title and interest in the undersigned's Entry in perpetuity, to print, publish, broadcast, use or modify in any manner in any media whatsoever my Entry as submitted for the Contest to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

In addition, the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, the right to use the participant's name, likeness and/or voice and biographical information, and city of residence for promotional purposes in any medium without compensation to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby waive the opportunity and any right to inspect or approve any such promotion, printing, broadcast use or publication, and further release AAUW, its successors and assigns from all liability in connection with any such promotion, printing, broadcast, use or publication.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby release and hold harmless AAUW and its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all losses, claims or damages that may result, directly or indirectly, from participation in the contest or use of the prize award. The undersigned understands that any and all local, state or federal tax liability for the award will be the responsibility of the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian further acknowledge and agree that the contest prize is non-transferable, and that no substitution of prizes will be allowed, except by the AAUW due to the unavailability of prizes at the time of the award.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian understand that AAUW is proceeding with the award of my prize in the Contest in express reliance on this release and the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and agree that they are free to grant the rights set forth in this release.

The undersigned contest participant and the participant's parent or guardian hereby attest that they have read and understand all the foregoing provisions of this affidavit and agree to be bound by the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of contest participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Type or print name of participant  
Contest Participant's Current Address,  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian (if contest participant is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of parent/guardian

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW of Salem SPEECH TREK JUDGE'S BALLOT

**SPEAKER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPEAKING TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assign a score in each of the following categories:**

**needs improvement      average/fair      excellent      superb/outstanding**

**CONTENT**      0      28 29 30      33 34 35      36 37 38 39 40

- Evidence of audience analysis
- Interesting--held attention
- Effective use of example, story, illustration
- Topic was obviously researched and referenced
- There was a summary and clear sense of finality
- There was a minimum of one reference to the book *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson (5 point deduction if book is not referenced)

**ORGANIZATION**      0      7      8      9      10

- Effective arrangement of ideas
- Main points were easy to follow
- Transitions were used to signal movement from point to point
- Material was appropriate for the topic and purpose

**DELIVERY**      0      35 36 37      40 42 44      47 48 49 50

- Good diction, volume, rate, and projection
- Displayed poise and confidence
- Displayed energy and enthusiasm
- Maintained eye contact with audience
- Avoided distracting mannerisms
- Extemporaneous delivery--not a reading
- Well prepared
- Demonstrated appropriate movement and gestures

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ /100

*Timekeeper will announce any disqualifications. If a speaker is disqualified, the speaker may **not** be ranked.*

**RANK THIS SPEAKER: (HIGH) #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 (LOWEST) Ties not allowed**

**Judge's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges must make independent decisions and are not to confer or discuss contestants with other judges prior to submitting final ballots. COMMENTS: Since there are no oral critiques, you may use the back of this page to offer your comments.**