Themed Prepared Prompt List

November 2026 Online Speech Festival
Celebrating Native American/Indigenous Heritage Month

- "We are still here. We have survived, and we will continue to survive." — *Joy Harjo (Muscogee Nation Poet & Writer of the)*
- "To be indigenous is to know that you are not the center of the world, but part of a living community." — *Robin Wall Kimmerer (Potawatomi Nation Botanist)*
- "It's hard to look at the world with clear eyes when you carry history on your back." — *Tommy Orange (Novelist and Member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes)*
- "When we speak our languages, we are breathing life back into the ancestors." — *Ofelia Zepeda (Tohono O'odham Nation Poet)*
- "A nation is not conquered until the hearts of its women are on the ground." — *Cheyenne Proverb*
- "Let me be a free man—free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade where I choose." — *Chief Joseph (Leader of Wallowa band of the Nez Percé Tribe)*
- *Oral tradition*
- *Sovereignty*
- *Treaty rights*
- *Kinship*