

Assignment #2: Informative / Demonstration Speech

Type of Speech: Main Speech Assignment

Time Limit: 2-3 minutes (Min. 2 minutes / Max. 3 minutes)

Purpose: The primary purpose of this speech is to give you an assignment that will make you stretch and grow.

Assignment Summary: Decide on whether you would like to give an informative speech or demonstration speech. An informative speech provides interesting and useful information to your audience (ex. report on dogs). A demonstration speech is similar to an informative speech, except the emphasis is on showing/teaching the audience how to do something (ex. how to use chopsticks).

Topic Suggestions:

- Relate an interesting experience you have had.
- Describe your career goals and the motivations behind them.
- Talk about one of your hobbies and how you became interested in it.
- Bring an object to class that reflects a part of who you are (ex. musical instrument, artwork, favorite book, etc.).
- Describe an important person in your life and why they matter to you.
- Teach the class to do/make something unique (ex. perform a magic trick, juggle, play a game from another country, make an awesome paper airplane, etc.)

These are merely some suggestions. Please feel free to choose any topic that interests you. However, please keep in mind the demographics of your audience (i.e. instructors and classmates) when choosing your topic. If appropriate for your topic, props and costumes are permitted.

For this speech, you will be required to prepare and turn in a speech outline to your instructors. The purpose of the outline is to keep you focused and structured while writing and delivering your speech. **Speech outlines will be due the day of your presentation.**

Please do not plan to read your speech out loud to the class. While it is okay to use a speech outline or note cards, reading a speech word for word will not be permitted.

Evaluations: For this speech assignment you will be evaluated by your instructors and classmates. Upon the completion of your speech you will receive written evaluations from everyone in class. All feedback will be private and confidential.

Due Date: Speeches will begin the week of 10/22/13 and end the week of 11/19/13. Please see your instructors to sign up for the date that works best for you.