

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING ASSIGNMENT

You will be delivering impromptu speeches next week. Here are the following assignment details.

Monday 10/30 – Overview

Tuesday 10/31– Demonstration & Discussion

Wednesday 11/1 – Demonstration & Discussion

Thursday 11/2 – Practice Day

Friday – 11/3 Practice Day

Next Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday (11/6-8) - Presentation Days

You will have seven minutes to plan, prepare, and present a speech focusing on a particular topic.

Step 1: You will pick three topics and choose one for your presentation.

Step 2: Spend some time (with one notecard) planning your main points of analysis. (approx. 2-4 minutes)

Step 3: Present your speech for the remainder of your time. (3-5 minutes – depending on the amount of prep time used).

CRITERIA:

CONTENT: Your presentation should provide some insight and/or information regarding your interpretation of the topic. You shouldn't speak solely on the literal meaning of the topic, rather on the significance of the issue. Be sure to have a clear thesis before you start planning your main points.

Example: "To thine own self be true" is the topic

Possible areas to speak about may include...

Truth in friendship, relationships, ourselves

Movies which exemplify this quotation. (Titanic, Cinderella, Sound of Music)

Songs reflecting this notion, TV shows, Books

Current events, Historical events, etc.

ORGANIZATION: Choose one of the primary organizational patterns to use.

Introduction should intrigue the audience with hook, relevance, thesis, and preview.

Body should be well developed with topic sentences, supporting details, thesis reminders, and transitions.

Conclusion should adequately close the speech with a review, restatement of thesis, re-relation of significance, and proper closure.

DELIVERY: The best part about the impromptu speech is you cannot read it; therefore, eye contact should be direct and constant.

The lectern will not be used in this assignment; the notecard should allow you to use movement and gesture when necessary and appropriate.

Verbal delivery should reflect interest, enthusiasm, and a credible persona.

