Speech Syllabus

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Welcome to speech class. While there will be numerous formal and informal speeches throughout the course, here are the major speeches you will give (each falling into the 5-7 minute time frame):

\***introductory speech**…you introduce a member of the class to us

\***personal experience speech…**like a written narrative, but spoken

\***persuasive speeches…**likely more than one

\***expository speech…**how do you take a boring premise and add zest? Inform us

\***I have a Dream…**modified

\***How to…demonstrative**

**\*epiphany speech…rite of passage, learning moment**

Let’s get down to brass tacks. Here is how the course operates and you are expected to follow the procedure:

1. You keep a marble notebook for all peer critiques, notes for speeches, preparations for speeches, etc.

2. Your attendance is mandatory. See below how it fits into your grade.

3. While speeches will be given over a 3-4 day period, ALL TYPED COPIES ARE DUE ON A SPECIFIC DATE FOR EVERYONE. A speech may be due on Monday but you may not deliver it until Friday. You will lose ten points per day for late copies.

4. You are expected to be a respectful and attentive audience. Speaking isn’t easy, so we all will provide support and comfort in a safe atmosphere.

5. You are expected to dress professionally for every speech. Guys with ties, girls with pearls (well, something nice).

The grade for the class will be done on i-grade as **total points** under one category (**quizzes**). In other words, the assignments are weighted. You may be asked to do an impromptu with a weight of 50 points, while a prepared speech may have a weight of 200 points.

You will also see a **CP GRADE** pop up regularly. This stands for **class participation** and takes into account your critiquing skills (thoughtful? respectful?), your classwork (if given class time to prepare a speech, USE IT! I loathe down time), and your attendance (**if you are not here, you cannot do any of the aforementioned things).** Basically, your attendance and participation will account for approximately 30% of your grade. BE HERE and don’t be late.

The following was a survey taken. The question: **what do you fear most in life?** The results:

4. Flying

3. Being alone

2. Dying

1. PUBLIC SPEAKING

Essentially, people would rather DIE than speak in front of people. Or, taken another way, people would rather be the one in the casket than the person delivering the eulogy! We will change that with this course.