

Informative Speech Assignment

Purpose

To communicate information about a topic accurately, clearly, and creatively. Appropriate topics would be biographies of people, diseases or medical conditions, places, charities, hobbies, etc. This is a chance for you to learn more about something, such as a medical condition that a friend or relative has (Alzheimers, Downs syndrome, diabetes), a place you would like to visit, or something you would like to learn (such as rebuilding an antique car, skydiving, dyeing yarn). Many topics will need to be narrowed down to fit into the time limit. A speech on Hawaii would need to be narrowed down to a single island or the pineapple industry.

Time Limit

5 to 7 minutes

Point Value

100 points

Outline

You will provide a typed outline that conforms to the formal outline format in the textbook. The introduction will have five parts (attention getter, credibility statement, relevance statement, thesis, and preview).

References

You must use at least FOUR references for this speech. A correctly-formatted APA reference page should be included in the speech folder that is turned in to the instructor. All of the sources that are on the reference page must be incorporated into the speech and properly cited. For example, a speaker might say, "According to Dr. Vincent Rainey in his book, *Keeping Fit*, published in 1996, it only takes 30 minutes of exercise three times a week to maintain good cardiovascular health."

Attire

This is a formal presentation, and you must dress appropriately.

Visual Aids

A visual aid is not required, but you may use one (or more) if it enhances your speech.

Self Evaluations

A self evaluation of your speech is due the class following the presentation. Guidelines for the self evaluation will be posted on Angel.

Ethical Communication

Ethical communication will be demonstrated at all times. Speeches must be original and written by the student. Copying information directly from another source (book, Internet site, friend) will result in a failing grade in the course, as described in the syllabus. No one will enter or leave the room during a speech, and the audience will be attentive and respectful.

Assignment Dates

The syllabus clearly states that all speeches must be presented on the assigned date unless prior arrangements have been made and documentation provided. Unexcused absences will result in a grade of 0 on the speech.