

Speech Presentation Self-Evaluation

Whew! The speech is done, but the work is not complete. Now you have to endure the potentially agonizing experience of watching yourself on DVD and evaluating your presentation. This will be the form of an essay addressing the issues listed below. I want a **thorough analysis of both the substance and the style of your presentation**. I know you are already asking yourself how long it needs to be. Well, the answer is long enough to cover the issues with quality thought and written expression. But as a rule of thumb, anything less than one-**typed** page (double-spaced) will be insufficient in length to earn full points (i.e., an A). However, a long evaluation doesn't guarantee you an "A" either, if it isn't quality content. When is it **due**, you ask? **Within three (3) days of your presentation**, submitted via Canvas.

Issues to Address

1. **Introduction** – How well did I cover the critical components of the introduction? What did I do well? How could I have improved the introduction?
2. **Organization** – How strong was my organization. That is to say, were the main points clear and well developed? Did they flow from the thesis? Were they logically connected and did I move smoothly from one point to the next? Were the transitions clear? Did I need internal previews and/or summaries? What did I do well? How could I have improved the organization?
3. **Reasoning and Evidence** (applicable only to the problem-solution and persuasion speeches) –
 - a. For the **Argumentative Speech** address: how solid and strong was my evidence/data? Did I have any fallacies? Did I support my proposition (i.e., claim) with solid reasoning and arguments? Did I use effective evidence to support my arguments? What did I do well? How could I have improved my argumentation?
 - b. For the **Persuasion Speech**, add the following questions to your analysis along with the preceding questions) – How effectively did I use persuasion strategies? Did I use a variety of strategies? Did I balance both reasoning and emotional appeal or rely too much on one over the other? What did I do well? How could I have improved my arguments and/or use of persuasion strategies?
4. **Delivery** – what was the quality of my delivery? How well did I use gestures? How well did I move? How was my eye contact? Vocal variation? Etc. How could I have improved my delivery?
5. **Conclusion** – How strong was my conclusion? How well did I address the critical functions of a conclusion? What did I do well? How could I have improved my conclusion?

6. **Areas of improvement for my next speech** – What 2-3 things do I want to focus on improving for my next speech?

Note: For your comprehensive evaluation you will address all of these issues, but from an overall perspective. That is, you will discuss how well you did in each of these areas across all of your speeches; how you improved in each of these areas, or did not improve as you would have liked to. You may refer to a specific speech to illustrate your analysis, but you will not need to address each specific speech for each issue.