

Informative Speech

Assignment

Develop a three to five-minute speech to inform your classmates and me about something you know a great deal about. Your goal is to fully inform us about the topic of your choice. You **must** use a visual aid for this speech (details will be covered in class).

Possible topics

Choose a topic which you know well. Hobbies, things you do for fun, sports, places you have been, jobs you have had, things you are very interested in, things you have learned in other classes, extra-curricular activities, clubs, or groups you have been a part of might be some of the ideas you use. An informative speech seeks to help us understand a concept, event, or cause of something. Some examples of topics that would reach this goal would be; what causes earthquakes, a specific belief or practice of your culture, why the Golden Gate Bridge is able to support so much weight, etc. All speech topics must be approved. Topics will be placed on a sheet of paper.

Requirements

1. Because this is a fairly short speech, be sure that you have limited your topic to something you can cover completely in three to five minutes.
2. You must practice this speech before you give it to the class so you are able to clearly inform us about your topic. You are encouraged to practice this speech to friends, family, pets, or bums. **4Peas**
3. **Speech checklist** must be filled out by two of those folks who listen to your speech. Try to vary your audience. Parents are encouraged; friends who are in class are discouraged. This must be handed in with outline on your speech day. It is **MANDATORY**
4. This speech will be given on a volunteer basis much like the introductory speech.
5. You must use a visual aid with this speech. The visual aid must enhance information and be presented appropriately. (15 points) **no visual aid – no speech**
6. Type an outline and bring it with you on the day the speech is due. USE the Sahli Outline Template. This outline must be Sahli style. Outline must be *perfect*. No perfect outline No Speech. If you wish to have Sahli help, get it done before class before your speaking day. (10 points) **no outline—no speech**.
7. Note cards can be used but must be used as prompts not as text. Only two note cards will be allowed
8. Present speech. Introduction body conclusion..... (100 points total)
 - Introduction**-build interest and over view the topic. Give overview statement. Never never say “I did my speech on...” or any version. Using this phrase will guarantee the speaker a 0 on the introduction. Beginning with or **including** a blanket statement such as “I am gonna tell you” or any version will get speaker a 0 on introduction.
 - Body**-must contain information of speech. Use transitions. VA will be during one of your 3 main points and present valid information about your topic.
 - Conclusion**-No new information. No “in conclusion” or other silly statement. Cannot say ”that’s my speech” or “I’m done”. Those statements will result in a 0 for the speaker for the conclusion.