

Basic Principles of Speech / Comm 106 / Moerschell, instructor

Assignment #1 Informative Speech

Choose from one of the following biographical subject areas:

1. Choose any person or character you find interesting and that can be researched with published sources. Examples include:

a famous person (any field) in history.

a living politician, past president, or political activist

someone in pop culture – entertainment industry

~ Refer to your calendar for outline and presentation dates~

In order to complete this assignment successfully you will:

1. Research the chosen topic with 2 or more sources CITED IN MLA OR APA FORMAT in addition to your own information.
2. Complete a partial sentence preparation outline (preferably with the template provided)
3. Prepare note cards and/or PowerPoint or other visual aids
4. Present your Speech- 3-4 minutes - in an extemporaneous fashion.
(Extemporaneous means PREPARED IN ADVANCE BUT DELIVERED WITH THE USE OF NOTE CARDS OR OTHER AIDS - NO READING OF A SCRIPTED SPEECH)
5. Please bring **mini DVD-R** to class
6. WATCH YOUR PERFORMANCE and Complete Mini Self Evaluation by the next class period. This is, in addition to your outline, is needed for full credit on this assignment.

Tips for success:

Don't wait until the last minute to work on your speech – familiarity with the subject matter will build your confidence and make your presentation go smoother.

Dress up a little when it is your turn to present. You will feel more self confident – Rehearse your speech with a partner or on tape.