

**Basic Principles of Speech / Comm 106**  
**Assignment #1 Informative Speech**

Choose from one of the following biographical subject areas:

1. The subject you choose must be living and must be researchable. It could be: a politician, president, political activist, news media personality, an environmentalist, or scientist.

Or you may choose someone in pop culture, the music industry, the arts (literature, dance and theater), business, or sports.

In order to complete this assignment successfully you will:

1. Research the chosen topic with 2 or more sources CORRECTLY 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- 8-10 minutes in length - 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+RW** to class
6. WATCH YOUR PREFORMANCE 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 –