

## Informative Speech Assignment

The objective of this assignment is to provide students with experience in informative speaking. Each presentation should be audience adapted, organized, extemporaneous and informative. Using the forms of support discussed in the text, develop and construct a speech of description, demonstration, or explanation.

1. **Speech of Description:** This speech should provide a “clear picture” of your subject. Describing the Statue of Liberty is an example of this type of speech.
2. **Speech of Demonstration:** This speech should help the listener learn a new skill, behavior, or technique. Showing students how to create a web site is an example of this type of speech. (See my web page for a list of ideas on How To speeches)
3. **Speech of Explanation:** This speech offers information about topics that are abstract and difficult to understand. Explaining the effects of global warming is an example of this type of speech.

### Procedures:

- Select one of the above and develop a 5-7 minute presentation.
- The speech should be carefully organized and contain a clear purpose statement. (We will discuss the outline format in class)
- Use visual aids where appropriate. (Note for Demonstration speeches visual aids are required)
- Use an extemporaneous speaking style. (DO NOT READ YOUR SPEECH)
- A typed full sentence outline is required and due one class date prior to the first assigned speech. (You will not be assigned a time slot without submitting your outline ON TIME.)
- A “Reference” page is required utilizing an APA style format. (4 to 5 citations are mandated, and due the day you submit your outline)
- Audience participation is vital to all speeches therefore everyone will be assigned audience evaluation sheets on the days they are not speaking. These sheets must be completed in class and turned in before leaving.