

Informative Speech

Time Limit: **3 to 5 minutes**

Outline Due: **3-17-11**

Speeches Presented: **3-21-11**

Purpose: This speech is given to give your audience a clearer understanding of a topic. You should arouse your audience's interest and provide them with information that they don't already know. Your sources of information may be your own personal experiences, magazines, newspapers, reference books, or personal sources. In this first informative speech you are **NOT** required to quote statistics or name sources, but you must be knowledgeable. If you try to talk about a topic for 3 minutes without adequate preparation, you will sound foolish and lose your audience.

Topics: You can choose a topic from any field of interest you have—sports, hobbies, cars, travel. Etc. this is **NOT** a how-to or demonstration speech. Your objective is to give information, so keep that in mind. Here are some ideas.

Water safety	Saving the	UFO's
Musical instruments	environment	Pyramids
Football equipment, rules, history	Child abuse	Dreams
Famous people (The life of...)	Drug abuse	Birth orders
Peculiar customs	Serial killers	Sports
	Stonehenge	
	Vampires	

You can begin looking through magazines, newspapers, blogs, or books for topics that catch your interest – that's the key: you have to be interested in the topic.

Preparation:

Plan your speech carefully in outline form (must be typed). Use the outline sheet and follow directions carefully. You can then write out your speech entirely to practice, but you are only allowed to take your note cards to the podium when you are speaking.

Requirements: 100 points

You will be graded on the following:

A creative and attention grabbing introduction (10 point).

A carefully organized and informative body (30 points).

A good, sound conclusion (10 points).

Good eye contact, body language, voice control, and facial expression (50 points).