

Freshman Speech Class

Spring 2017 Syllabus

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This syllabus is subject to change....

Week 1 - ANY OLD BAG SPEECH

**Intro to Public Speaking; Importance of Delivery
How to Evaluate a Speech; Preparing a Self-Introduction speech**

Week 2 - SELF-INTRODUCTION SPEECHES; videos/discussion 'Dealing with Stress & Anxiety'

Week 3 - Preparing & Polishing a Demonstration Speech; Advertisement impromptus

Week 4 - DEMONSTRATION SPEECHES; Preparing a Descriptive (Expository) Speech

Week 5 - Polishing a Descriptive (Expository) Speech; in-class exercises

Week 6 - DESCRIPTIVE SPEECHES; Reading to PreK class

Week 7 - Preparing a Persuasive Speech; Analyzing Audience

Week 8 - DESCRIPTIVE SPEECHES (part 2); Polishing a Persuasive Speech; The Art of Impromptu Speaking

Week 9 - PERSUASIVE SPEECHES; IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Week 10 - PERSUASIVE SPEECHES; IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

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Text: No text; Will send pdf file of SPEECH BOOT CAMP TRAINEE HANDBOOK

Public speaking is an invaluable skill; unfortunately, not everyone looks forward to public speaking. One of the major concerns in any speech class is stage fright. In fact, a 1973 study showed that people fear public speaking more than death. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld jokes:

“According to most studies, people’s number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. Death is number two. Does that sound right? This means to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you’re better off in the casket than doing the eulogy.”

If you are fearful starting this class, you are not alone. Stephen Lucas, a communication researcher, says that 76% of experienced speakers have stage fright before taking the floor (1998). The good news is that we will work on methods for decreasing your nervousness and increasing your confidence. This will be fun!

Tools needed:

1. Writing utensil
2. Notebook paper or note cards
3. A spirit of encouragement to others

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXTRA CREDIT:

1. Skype or visit a grandparent or senior citizen
2. Attend the ENGAGE speech competition