

Informative Speech Assignment: Person, Place, Thing

General Purpose: To inform, explain, discuss, describe, or tell.

Specific Purpose: To inform my audience about some defined aspect of an object, event, or concept.

Length: 60 seconds each (you will have to resubmit if you do not meet the time minimum)

Do Not Use Outside Sources of Any Kind. This includes internet, websites, Wikipedia, textbooks, magazines, news sources, or other persons. This assignment should be about topics from your everyday life, so you can speak with ease. I am not looking for a list of dates or facts. What do these persons, places, or things mean to you? What is your personal connection to them?

- **Speech #1:** Speech about a **Person** (a person, alive or dead, real or made up, but you must be able to talk about them WITHOUT READING FROM NOTES, so it should be someone you know well – like your mom or significant other).
- **Speech #2:** Speech about a **Place** (historical review, school, real or imaginary place, anywhere is game, but you must be able to speak WITHOUT READING FROM NOTES, so it should be a place you are very familiar with like grandma's house or your high school football stadium.)

One semester a student plagiarized this one-minute speech by READING from the introduction to the book I published on Andalusia???? I don't think he paid any attention to who wrote the Book when he picked the topic, but imagine his surprise when I pointed it out to him, and he had to resubmit a speech on a different place.

- **Speech #3:** Speech about a **Thing** (item - socks, banana, golf ball, phone, peanut butter, book, any item is okay)

Do not give a process or demonstration speech. This is not a how to speech. Just inform the audience about your item.

Requirements:

- The goal of this speech is **to inform the audience**. At the end of the speech, the audience will know how you feel about the selected topic.

Organization:

- A written **preparation outline is NOT required** for this speech.
- Do not write your speech word for word. Do NOT read your speech to the camera. You need to know it enough to make eye contact with me on the camera, so you need to practice.
- Remember to introduce yourself and show your id first.