

Original Oratory Assignment

1. The original oration is a speech that may be written on any subject the student chooses. The speech MUST be written by you! You may not use note cards or visual aids.
2. No more than 150 words may be quoted directly. Extensive paraphrasing violates the spirit of the speech. Plagiarism is defined as claiming, indicating, or implying that the ideas, sentences, or words of another writer are your own. It includes copying the work of another presenting it as your own, failing to get away from the language of the original text when paraphrasing, failing to identify the source of a quotation or paraphrase, and following the work of another as a guide to ideas and expression that are then presented as your own.
3. The maximum time is not to exceed 10 minutes. In order to earn a good grade, your speech must be at least 7 minutes.
4. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity and obscenity. Use of these will cause you to earn a failing grade.
5. Prompting from the audience will not be allowed.
6. A copy of your oration must be typed, double-spaced. The quoted words must be highlighted and counted; paraphrases must also be highlighted. The copy of your oration will be handed in the day you present your speech.

Types of Speeches

1. Informative – designed to explain, instruct, define, clarify, or teach.
2. Persuasive – influence, convince, motivate, “preach”, or stimulate and action.
3. Evocative – entertains, inspires, or helps listeners to celebrate, bond, or commemorate.

Speech Topics

1. Determine the purpose of your speech and decide what type of speech you are giving.
2. Consider the occasion, audience, judge, or person giving you your grade.
 - a. Determine the age, gender, ethnicity, and status.
 - b. Anticipate that your audience will agree, remain neutral, or disagree with your message.
 - c. Think about the reaction of your speech.
3. Develop a list of possible topics and design a map of where those topics lead you.
4. Next, a **Thesis** statement should be distilled and stated in one, single, declarative sentence.
5. RESEARCH YOUR TOPIC!!!!

Basic Outline of a Speech

I. Introduction

- A. Attention Getter
- B. Significance
- C. Credibility
- D. Thesis Statement
- E. Preview
- F. Transition into your first main point

II. The Main Body

- A. First main point
 1. First sub-point and supporting material
 2. Transition closing off main point one and opening main point two
- B. Second main point
 1. First sub-point of this section and supporting material
 2. Second sub-point and supporting material
 3. Transition closing off main point two and opening main point three
- C. Third main point
 1. First sub-point of this section and supporting material
 2. Transition into closing

III. Conclusion

- A. Review of main points
- B. Final statement – should also link back to Intro

Helpful Hints

- Make sure your attention getter relates to the speech and really grabs your audience.
- Why are you credible in giving this speech?
- What is the significance of this speech? Why should we be listening to you about this topic?
- Make sure your transitions link nicely together.
- Make sure your conclusion leaves the audience thinking or makes a call to action.
- EYE CONTACT!!!
- MEMORIZE!!! – An easy way to memorize is to break your speech up on note cards and memorize it in sections. **Practice. Practice. Practice. Practice. Practice. Practice. Practice.**
- DELIVERY!!! – Think about keeping the audiences attention the entire time,
 - ✓ Volume – Can we hear and understand you?
 - ✓ Rate – Are you talking too slow/fast?
 - ✓ Pitch – Are you talking too high/low?
 - ✓ Rhythm – What is your pace and do you punctuate new ideas?
 - ✓ Pauses – Are you using your pauses effectively/boring?
 - ✓ Word Emphasis – Are you emphasizing key words or phrases
 - ✓ Are you passionate enough to make your audience passionate?
 - ✓ BE A DYNAMIC SPEAKER!!!

Original Oratory Requirements and Due Dates

	DATE DUE
OO Topic (25 pts) These must be turned in on a note card with your name.	Thursday, November 12
OO Topic Thesis (25 pts) These must be turned in on a note card with your name.	Thursday, November 12
OO Bibliography Cards (150 pts) You will need to have 15 total note cards with different research books, Internet sites, etc. I want to know why that resource was helpful and how it related to the topic you choose. You be required to cite at least seven sources in your speech before the class.	Friday, November 20
OO Outline (200 pts) You will need to turn in a brief outline of your main thoughts and ideas.	Tuesday, November 24
OO Rough Draft (200 pts) You will need to turn in an either typed or written rough draft of your speech. We will be doing a few exercises in class.	Thursday, December 3
OO In-Class Presentations You will also need to turn in the final draft of your typed speech.	to be announced
OO Script – Final Copy Turned In (200 Points) See guidelines at beginning of handout.	day of presentation
Self-Evaluation (100pts)	Class after your presentation