**Impromptu Speeches**

You will have to give 2-3 Impromptu speeches.

Unlike most speeches in this class, you will not be given a lot (if any) preparation time. You must think on your feet!

Don’t worry; you will get to practice this skill with a partner before you give your speeches to the whole class.

Your speech topics will be chosen by you. After you draw your topic, you will be given just a few seconds to mentally prepare.

Each Impromptu is worth 30 points.

**What you will be graded on:**

**Focus** – The student stayed on the topic they chose and did not wander

off point. They would often come back to reinforce the topic and may

have supplied a summary. NOTE that this is different than repeating

the same point over and over.

**Poise** – The student appeared confident and sure of themselves

throughout the entire presentation. Even if they stalled for a

moment, they collected themselves and continued. The student also

works to make the presentation vocally interesting and enjoyable for

the audience.

**Eye Contact** – The student “worked” the audience and maintained good

eye contact throughout the presentation.

**Support/Elaboration** – The student supplied either good arguments for

persuasion or ample information to explain a topic. THE TOPIC

SELECTED WAS COMPLETELY ADDRESSED!

**Vocal Pauses** – The student did not have a noticeable number of

repetitive words or phrases such as, “like”, “okay”, “um” or “you know”.

**Delivery** – This is concerned with the overall verbal quality of the

presentation. Was it vocally interesting? The speaker exhibit facial

expression? Were gestures used?

**Impromptu Speech #1:**

Focus

1 2 3 4 5 6

Poise

1 2 3 4 5 6

Eye Contact

1 2 3 4 5 6

Support/Elaboration

1 2 3 4 5 6

Vocal Pauses

1 2 3 4 5 6

Delivery

1 2 3 4 5 6

**Impromptu Speech #2:**

Focus

1 2 3 4 5 6

Poise

1 2 3 4 5 6

Eye Contact

1 2 3 4 5 6

Support/Elaboration

1 2 3 4 5 6

Vocal Pauses

1 2 3 4 5 6

Delivery

1 2 3 4 5 6

My three favorite animals.

What you would find in my closet.

What you'd find under my bed.

The best letter of the alphabet.

Why your mom/dad is special.

A day that stands out.

The best surprise ever.

I lost it!

If I had a million dollars to give away.

If cats/dogs ruled the world.

A trip to remember.

My favorite day of the year.

If I could only eat three foods forever.

If I could design a school.

Why books are important.

Three surprising facts about me.

How to impress your parents.

How to plan a party.

A job I'd love to have.

A day in my life.

If I could have dinner with anyone.

If I could travel through time.

My favorite book.

An important lesson I've learned.

What I've learned from cartoons.

The smartest cartoon character.

Three things I'd change if I ruled the world.

Why sports are important.

The worst chores at home.

Why I deserve an allowance.

If I were in charge of school lunches.

If I had invented school.

The best theme park rides.

Whom do you admire most?

What is your favorite animal?

How to achieve your dreams.

Why you need a baby brother.

How to annoy an older sister.

How to save money.

Three things that scare me.

Great things about snow days.

Things you can make out of snow.

How to spend a rainy day.

How to walk a dog.

Great things about the ocean.

Things I'll never eat.

How to be a slacker.

Why I like my town.

The best parts of a parade.

Interesting things you see in the sky.

Things to remember when you're camping.

An experience with a bully.

My favorite fruit.