

# Persuasive Speech Self Evaluation

Well, the last speech is done. I felt pretty good about my last speech, though I think the quality definitely suffered because I had to write and perform the speech under such a time crunch. My goals for this last speech were to involve my audience more and to be more honest with my emotions. I'm a little concerned that I spent too much time trying to stay true to my message and that because of this I missed the mark on connecting with my audience a little bit. During my presentation, I noticed one or two people that I didn't feel like I connected with until the very end of my speech. Maybe I underestimated how resistant my audience was to my ideas.

With that said, overall I'm very satisfied with how things turned out. I feel like I gave an honest presentation and convinced my audience to at least consider my topic, which was my persuasive goal for the speech. I also really felt like I prepared well to give the speech, given the time constraints that I had, and I think my question and answer session went great. That was probably my favorite part, honestly, because it seemed a lot easier to relate and persuade my audience when I could address their concerns directly, instead of trying to guess what they would be concerned about.

Looking forward, I think I need to work on speaking for longer periods of time and connecting with my audience earlier in my speeches. I recently gave a presentation at my work at the Space Dynamics Lab, and I think the things I learned in this class and for this speech helped a lot. But it was an hour long presentation, and that's a little different. Still though, this has been a great experience, and I'm glad I could be a part of this lab. Thank you!