

Self Evaluation - Narrative Speech

I felt like my speech went well. For where I'm at in my public speaking life, the presentation I gave was representative of where I'm at, and I felt like nothing went particularly well nor particularly bad. I felt like I had a good structure to my speech and that did a good job of managing speech anxiety, but I wish that I had developed a stronger conclusion to the speech. I also felt like doing all of my speech preparation in a single day several days before I spoke hurt my presentation a bit, since the topics weren't as fresh in my mind. I learned from watching my peers prepare in smaller chunks over several days really helps solidify the presentation of the speech. Hopefully, with the feedback I've received I can develop another speech that has a more focused purpose and motivates my audience to take action.

My peers and TA's gave valuable feedback, and most of it was in line with what I myself thought of the speech. It was helpful to have some reinforcing feedback from people who know what they're talking about, so I'm glad that our opinions matched so closely. I think the most helpful feedback I got was a good grade, which gives me confidence in my abilities and lets me focus on writing good speeches instead of worrying about whether or not I'll do well in the class.

For my next speech, I hope to follow through with my purpose and create a strong call-to-action. I would like to encourage a little more audience participation as well, instead of just relying on shared experiences to establish my ethos. Finally, I'd like to spread my preparation out a little more, and try preparing with smaller chunks each day instead of doing it all at once. Hopefully this will let me focus more on presenting my next speech instead of remembering it.