

I felt like the presentation of my speech went really well. I felt like I engaged my audience in a variety of ways, and made certain events in my past relatable to the general audience. It felt very effective to me to talk about other student's speeches as well, since those are experiences we all shared. I also thought that the organization of my speech was pretty solid this time around.

Of course, there were some things that I think could have used some improvement. I felt like I stumbled over my words more during this speech, and I felt more nervous during the presentation. I think the biggest area I could improve on is still nailing down how to properly prepare for a speech though.

I tried to take my own advice from the last speech and spread out my preparation more this time around, but I don't know if it was that effective. It certainly took a lot longer in total to prepare for my speech, and I think that's because it takes me a while to "get in the groove" of preparing for a speech. When I did all of my preparation in one sitting, that wasn't a problem, but this time it just felt like I wasn't being very effective. Next time I'm going to try going back to larger preparation sessions, but perhaps scheduling two or three instead of just one.

Overall, I felt like this speech was really helpful in teaching me how to relate to my audience. I've never had a speech before that resounded so well with the people I'm speaking too, and I've even had classmates go out of their way to compliment me on my presentation in the days since I've spoken. My conclusion was also a lot stronger in this speech, which is something I struggled with in my narrative speech. Hopefully I can carry through the things I've learned into the next speech.

I haven't seen any feedback from my TA's yet, but my peer reviews were generally very positive. They mentioned that my body language was a little more closed off during this speech than the first one, which is due to the fact that I did feel a lot more anxiety about this speech since it was so personal.

For my next speech, I'm going to try the preparation method I talked about above, and hopefully work on opening up my body language. My topic for the next speech could also be a bit depressing, so I'm going to have to keep my audience's feelings in mind and make sure that the information helps them feel informed and not just disheartened.