**MIS581: Self-Evaluation Form**

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**Title/Topic of Speech: A Data Analysis project on Gender-Neutral Baby Names in the United States From 1880-2020**

**Please answer the following questions in detail (*meaning a minimum of two complete sentences per question*). Feel free to type your answers after the questions below. Your completed self-evaluation should be uploaded to the Week 1 Capstone Milestone page for the self-introduction speech and to the Week 8 Capstone Project page for the final assignment.**

How well did you believe that you explained and supported your ideas?

I believe I explained my data analysis project including the objectives, dataset, tools, research questions/hypotheses and findings very well. Each of those topics had at least one slide and I took care to describe each in detail.

Did you state your purpose and speaking topic?

Yes I did. My purpose was covered in my first statement, which was that this briefing's prpose was to describe my data analysis project including the objectives, dataset, tools, research questions/hypotheses and findings.

Did you state your thesis?

Yes I did. My thesis was to explain my reason for doing the project and what I wanted to find out from it. My reason was a personal interest in analyzing the use of gender-neutral names through the timespan of the dataset and to learn if popularity of these names had increased or decreased.

How effective was your introduction?

I believe my introduction to the research project was effective. This was covered on my Objectives of the Data Analysis Project slide.

Did you preview your main points?

Yes I did. I previewed the main points on the purpose slide. These main points were the objectives, dataset, tools, research questions/hypotheses and findings for my data analysis project.

How effectively did you use transitions?

I believe my transitions were effective. I referred to a future slide at one point and referred back to previous slides while talking. I didn't do a transition on every slide, but I feel the ones I did were effective.

Did you provide adequate nonverbal support?

My non-verbal support consisted mostly of facial expressions. I made an effort to smile often and used my normal manner of facial expressions while speaking.

Did you use visual aids?

I used my briefing slides as a visual aid. Each slide contained bullet points summarizing what I would talk about.

Did you cue for closure?

My last slide cued closure for the audience. It summarized the project findings and gave recommendations for future analysis.

Did you restate your thesis and main points?

My thesis and research questions, as well as the hypotheses determination, were restated on my last slide. It not only provided closure for the briefing but also wrapped up my briefing for the audience.

Looking over your Microsoft Office Presenter Coach report, what were your areas of strength? What areas do you need to work on? How do you plan to address these areas?

According to my presenter coach summary, my areas of strength were that I kept a good pace and that I avoided use of repetitive language.

Areas I could work on include improving my pronunciation, though I do question Microsoft's algorithms for this since I do not think it takes into account regional pronunciations per state. I could also work on varying my tone when I speak.

I intend to work on the pace of speech I use when presenting as I know I can speak too fast when I am excited and animated about a subject. I believe my pronunciation is generally good as well as my tone of voice, but I can make an effort to enunciate better when speaking to an audience.

What is the link to your video presentation?

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