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**Narrative Speech Graphic Organizer**

**Directions:**   Choose a moment in your life in which you learned a valuable lesson. Explain how the audience could benefit from your experience. Plan your speech by completing the graphic organizer below. Reference your Pre-Work deliverable as well as the Assessment Sheet to guide your process.

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| **Introduction** |
| HOOK: Captivate your audience from the start. Try one of these strategies:  1. Ask a **question** that will yield a “yes” response. Ex). “If I could tell you the secret to success in one word, you’d want to hear it, right?”  2. **Surprising statement**. Ex). “Five million people have fallen into the chasm of the Opportunity Divide.”  3. **Paradox.** Ex). “I’m a hard worker because I’m lazy.”  4. **One word then silence.** Choose a word that captivates the imagination and emotions. Ex). “Decisions.” (Pause).  Would you say money is arguably one of the most important things in life? |
| THESIS STATEMENT: Summarize your lesson in no more than one sentence. Make it general and apply it to the entire audience.  Without good financial responsibility, it is way too easy to find yourself broke. |

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| **Body** |
| SCENARIO: Paint a picture of the scene of the problem and how the challenge emerged.  Lost job last year, forced to close bank accounts Found myself scraping together every dollar I could Did random jobs for friends/family to afford things |
| CLIMAX: Describe the crescendo of the dilemma in a dramatic fashion. Focus on the moment when the ultimate suspense reaches its peak.  Around the holidays, stress over what to gift Also stress over planned vacation |
| RESOLUTION: Explain how the problem was resolved.  Worked extremely hard Did every random job I could find |

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| **Conclusion** |
| LESSON AND CONNECTION: Re-state the lesson you learned in a new and captivating way. Connect your lesson to the audience in a relevant manner. Try one of these strategies:  1. **Call to Action.** Ex) In order to guarantee that we save \_\_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ today. If every person in this room leaves and immediately \_\_\_\_\_, I can guarantee that will result in \_\_\_\_\_\_ next year!  2. **Rhetorical question**. Ask a question that captures the main point and leaves the audience thinking. Ex). What choice will you make when you leave here today? Will you \_\_\_\_, or will you go about your normal routine?  3. **Contrast.** *Ex). We can have\_\_\_\_, or we can have \_\_\_\_\_\_. The choice is ours, and is based entirely on the decision we each individually make today. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. ( I know I’m choosing \_\_\_\_\_.)”*  4. **Catch phrase or slogan.** Say something witty or rhythmic that will stick in the audience’s mind. Ex). Year Up: A Hand Up - not a Hand Out.  If money wasn’t important, would we still work hard in our everyday lives? |