SPE 111 Public Speaking

Speech 1: Self-Introduction

25 points

In my experience, I have found that it is easier to speak in public when we are comfortable with the people in front of whom we are speaking.  This first assignment is a way for us to get to know one another.

Using the guidelines offered in chapter 4, which deals with speech preparation, create a speech introducing yourself.  For your speech, all that you are going to do is tell us about yourself (you are the subject, the background is about you, and the occasion is our class getting to know you).  How you choose to do so is up to you.  For instance, you could address any (though probably not all) of the following:

* What brought you to OIT at this point in your life?
* What has been your greatest accomplishment and why?
* When did you do something that you were really proud of?
* What was your childhood like and how did it influence who you are today?
* Anything else that you find interesting . . .

This speech needs to be about 2-3 minutes long.

*Chapter 4 guidelines that you should know:*

1. Introduction
2. Attention-Getter (share a quick story, example, joke, or visual to get our attention)
3. Thesis (brief statement of the main idea of your speech)
4. Body
5. The first thing that you would like for us to know about you
6. The second thing that you would like for us to know about you
7. The third thing you would like for us to know about you
8. Conclusion
9. Say “In conclusion”
10. Summarize your main points (the things you mentioned in the body of the speech)

*Chapter 4 offers some great tips for dealing with speech anxiety.*

**This is the only speech that does not have a set rubric.  It is only 25 points, and the purpose is to serve as an ice-breaker and to let your audience know more about you (and to let you know more about them, which helps with the audience analysis process).  As long as you try and are close on the time, you should do great!**