

Informative Self Critique

1. Before the speech- How did you feel before presenting?

Before going into the speech, I felt relatively confident, but I was pretty nervous. There's something about the walk up to the front that is always the most nerve-racking. But once I started speaking and my ideas began to flow, it was enjoyable. I never thought I'd enjoy speaking in front of a group. I did my topic on the universe, which was a topic I had been extremely interested in and was relatively knowledgeable about, so it greatly assisted in the process.

2. Content- Did you have all of the elements of the introduction, body, and conclusion? Did you cite your sources properly?

My introduction is what I believe I lacked the most since sometimes I think further ahead than where I'm at, and I didn't give quite as good of a preview as I should've. I introduced some of the general topics, such as speaking about outer space, but I didn't get into the specifics, which made it somewhat confusing to determine what the speech was about. I remember giving my speech previously to my roommate and he as well mentioned this was the main issue he saw with the speech. The body paragraph went very well, and all the information was discussed, as well as the conclusion. I would adjust my conclusion to make it less "persuasive" as I did leave a call to action, which isn't appropriate for informative speeches. It wasn't on the outline, just something I said without thinking. Also I did not cite one of my sources at all which was due to getting too far ahead of myself

3. Delivery- Address your eye contact, gestures, vocal fillers, voice, etc.

The delivery was what I thought to be the strongest point of the speech. I was very interested in my topic, so discussing it felt natural. As I did mention previously, not properly

introducing what points I was going to present was the biggest issue with the delivery.

Sometimes I did slip into some vocal fillers, mostly approaching the end of the speech. I also sometimes spoke a little too quickly for how abstract of a concept it was. Also, I noticed I did form a small box that I stayed inside. I didn't move around a lot, but I did have a decent bit of gesturing maybe even a bit too much. My eye contact was relatively well just sometimes it was very sporadic and jumpy. Also I did a decent job in avoiding sounding monotone yet when I did read some of the citations they sounded a bit monotone.

4. Strengths and Weaknesses- Address your overall strengths and weaknesses and how you plan to improve.

One of my main weaknesses was being a little stiff and having sporadic eye contact. I sometimes let myself get a little too worked up, and my eyes would dart across the room like rapid fire to avoid directly looking at anyone. To fix this problem I mainly need to slow myself down and avoid getting too much into my head. Usually, when I shifted focus to my current surroundings, I would cause myself to get worked up. In order to be less stiff, I plan on opening up my range of movement from outside my 6-inch box to around 2-3 feet box. I also plan on stepping around when practicing to get used to the new box. One of the strengths I had was vocal variety and gestures. As well, I thought I was somewhat optimistic and enthusiastic about the subject I was speaking on, which made the speech seem more natural. Also, I thought I didn't have many vocal fillers, nor did I ever really get monotone besides when citing some of the sources.

5. Overall Grade- Give yourself a general letter grade based on your performance

If I were to grade myself, I'd probably give around an 87 with mainly losing points because of the lack of clarity in the introduction. And sometimes, my information came off a smidge robotic such as when I was citing my sources. Also, I did not format my formal outline correctly with the different roman numerals and different subpoints.

But overall, I thought the speech went very well. I try to discuss interesting topics that may be somewhat beneficial or make for a good dinner conversation.