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OSI Self Critique

*1. Was the mode of presentation extemporaneous?*

Yes. I didn’t write my whole speech and then read it aloud to a camera; I wrote down topics and then, when introducing myself in the speech, expanded on them verbally.

2. *Did I utilize my voice appropriately?*

My volume was a bit soft, so I could improve on that. Also, I have a tendency to giggle and use vocal fillers when I’m nervous. These are common in my speeches, but can (and will!) be eliminated with practice. However, overall I think I used my voice (especially my tone) to draw people in and feel interested in what I had to say, even if my “um”s might have been distracting.

*3. Did I utilize language appropriately?*

I talked in a way that was conversational and appropriate for my audience (the rest of the class). It served its purpose of introducing me to my new friends. However, I think I slurred a few words by talking too fast. I should talk slower so that I enunciate my words better.

*4. Did I use my body appropriately?*

My face was animated while giving the speech, which I think is important to keep the attention of my audience. I could have used more hand gestures, though, since I had enough room in the shot. I have a really hard time keeping eye contact, so I should work on that by practicing my speeches in front of my friends (who have eyes with which to make extended contact). Also, I think I dressed appropriately for the speech (but maybe I should dress up more in the future, for non-casual speeches).

*5. What should I do to improve my delivery for future presentations?*

Practice. Start planning early and practice often. I should assemble a group of friends who are willing to hear multiple speeches a week and orate to them. I’ve been thinking about asking one of them to not even listen, to just count the vocal fillers I use. I’ve also been thinking about telling them who my intended audience is so that they can assume that role and tell me if my speech targets my audience well or not.

*6. Did I control my environment and use the camera properly?*

I believe I did. Nothing was moving in the background to distract my audience, and nothing looked messy (I hope). Also, my desk lamp gave ample lighting and drew attention to my face. My camera did not shake or move at all during the speech. Overall, the environment and camera made people concentrate on my face and what I had to say, rather than being a distraction.