

COMM 111Z: PUBLIC SPEAKING

“Nostalgia” Speech

Everyone has a story that takes them back — a moment, place, or experience that sparks a feeling of nostalgia. This brief speech is your opportunity to revisit one of those moments and share it with your audience.

Your task is to deliver a **1–2 minute** story that recalls a memory from your past that you remember fondly. The goal is to demonstrate your ability to **tell an engaging and entertaining story** while applying the skills you've learned about effective public speaking — clarity, pacing, expression, and audience connection.

Think of this speech as a short window into your past. It can be lighthearted, sentimental, or funny — the key is to make it memorable and meaningful to your audience.

Some elements your brief speech might include:

- **Setting the Scene:** Where and when does your story take place? Help your audience visualize it.
- **The Memory:** What happened, and why does it stand out to you?
- **The Emotion:** What feelings or reflections come up when you recall this experience?
- **The Takeaway:** What makes this memory worth sharing — what do you want the audience to feel?

No formal outline is required for this assignment. You may use brief notes, but your story should sound **natural and conversational**.

Grading (25 points total)

- **Content (10 points):** Your story should clearly convey a nostalgic moment that is appropriate for the audience and time limit.
- **Organization (5 points):** The story should have a clear beginning, middle, and end, with smooth transitions.
- **Delivery (10 points):** Speak with confidence and expressiveness. Maintain eye contact, vary your tone, and engage your audience.