**Speaker Critique of Personal Statement Speech (2 pages)**

**Speaker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Topic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Written responses should be a minimum of 3 sentences in length* ***and*** *utilize specific examples from the speech to support your ideas (with the exception of Item #3 & #7).*

**Introduction**

#1. Creating Interest (*Emotional Proof*). Your response should address the following:

* Describe the speaker’s use of an attention-getter in the introduction.
* Was it effective in capturing your attention?
* Did the speaker find a way to make the topic relevant to you and the general audience?
* Was there a logical link from the attention-getter to the thesis statement?

#2. Introducing Ideas in the Overview (See “Overviews and Transitions” under Content).

* At the end of the intro, did you have a clear idea what the speaker would be covering in the body?
* To what extent were the body’s 3 main points stated?
* Were they introduced in the same order they would be covered in the body?

**Body**

#3. Clarity of Ideas

What were the speaker’s 3 main points? (Use complete sentences).

I.

II.

III.

#4. Supporting the Ideas (*Logical Proof*)

* Describe the supporting materials the speaker used for each main point.
* Were the examples and use of personal experience effective or not? Why?
* Did the speaker spend an (approximately) equal amount of time on each main point?

#5. Organizing the Ideas for your Audience (See “Overviews and Transitions” under Content).

Describe the extent to which the speaker summarized the previous main point and introduced the next main point in the body.

Between points I and II:

Between points II and III:

**Conclusion**

#6. Summarizing Ideas

* Describe the conclusion of the speech.
* Did the speaker indicate the end was coming? How?
* Were the body’s 3 main points restated? Was the thesis restated?

**Delivery**

#7. Verbal and Nonverbal Cues

Highlight or bold the number which describes the speech with “5”being excellent and “1” being poor.

1. *The delivery appears natural and conversational, yet rehearsed 5, 4, 3, 2, 1*
2. *The speaker demonstrates confident eye contact with the camera and audience. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1*
3. *The speaker utilizes gestures to illustrate his/her message. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1*
4. *The speaker articulates clearly, using appropriate vocabulary and grammar. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1*
5. *The speaker uses tone, speed and volume effectively. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1*
6. *The speaker appears comfortable, poised and prepared. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1*

**Overall Impressions**

#8. What was the speaker’s main strength(s) during her/his presentation?

#9. What should the speaker focus on to improve his/her overall speech?

#10. Identify any techniques utilized by the speaker you will try to employ in your next speech? Or habits you will try to avoid?

#11. To what extent did the speaker appear to know what he/she was talking about and was sharing information with you with the best intentions *(Ethical Proof).*