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MCC-UE 1805 – Public Speaking

Group Speech Evaluation

*1. What was my purpose? Why did I pick this topic?*

My group’s purpose was to describe the development of the performing arts in relation to technology, and how that technology has changed the way its viewers appreciate the various forms of entertainment. My personal purpose for the speech was to describe how technology has allowed for the development of video streaming technology. Moreover, I wanted to relate how streaming has impacted the way that we consume the performing arts. I picked this topic because I enjoy watching Netflix / YouTube and other streaming services and wanted to do some research into the topic.

*2. Was it accomplished?*

I think I did accomplish my goal. I presented a brief technological background of media / video streaming. Then I described how that technology and the new entertainment media has affected the way we consume the performing arts. By my own assessment of my audience, I think that they understood and appreciated my message and its significance.

*3. What do I need to improve on, what were my weaknesses?*

I ran much longer than I intended (I think I spoke for ten minutes compared to the intended seven minutes). I believe I went over my intended time because I went off my intended script in order to entertain my audience. I think I need to stick to my previously rehearsed outline.

*4. What were the strengths of my presentation?*

I think that my greatest strength is my ability to read and keep my audience’s interest using my flamboyant presentation style. I try to be as interesting as possible when I present, and I think I did very well doing so in this presentation.

*5. If given a chance to present again, what would I do differently?*

I think I would have shortened my portion of the speech. Furthermore, I would have focused less on the technology and more on the social and psychological impact of my performing arts media compared to previous forms of entertainment. Furthermore, I would have done a more substantial conclusion (i.e. repeat the points previously made by my group members in their portion of the presentation), which, again, I was prevented from doing by my long presentation.

*6. Group Work Description*

I think our group worked very well as everyone contributed positively to the speech. In our first meeting we met to discuss and decide the format of the presentation as well as the topic that we would cover. We all unanimously decided that doing an informative speech in which we could divide the topic into four different examples that each member could address individually would be a good presentation format. Along those lines, we ended up choosing a broad subject, performing arts and divided it up into its major historical developments.

Our second meeting was used to actually divide up the work, and we all also decided to work individually on our parts, then combine them later. I think that our decision to do so was valid, as our topics lent themselves to independent work. During our last meeting, we revised our topic after seeing an other group present on television, to focus on the technological aspects of the performing arts rather than the actual media themselves. Then our final presentation went well, although I felt that my other group mates could have entertained the audience more than they did.

*7. How was this different from the individual presentations?*

I think that the group dynamic actually motivated me to complete my portion of the outline and PowerPoint earlier than I otherwise would have as I realized that my groupmates were relying on me to finish my part so we could integrate our individual components into a single presentation. Furthermore, I think transitions in a group presentation are even more important as they involve a physical transition between two people’s points.

*8. How did group meetings go?*

I think the group meetings went well. All the group members were respectful of each other’s ideas and speaking time. We each spoke in turn and collaborated on our ideas. We also did work mostly individually, and communicated electronically, so we did not have many group meetings.

*9. Were there any group roles developing during your meetings, and what were those?*

I think we did not meet enough for each member to adopt a permanent or distinct group role. However, I do think that Katherine did exhibit the behaviors of a coordinator as she created the Google Drive documents and made sure that everyone knew what part to fill out their presentation. Chloe was the evaluator as she was the one who convinced the rest of the team to alter our topic because of the other group’s presentation. Orion was the information seeker as she was very involved in making sure that everyone knew what information to include in their individual presentations. I believe that I adopted the role of energizer as I used comic relief and a positive attitude to motivate my team.

*10. Did they help your group or held back your productivity?*

I think that my group helped my productivity as they motivated me to complete my portion of the presentation quickly so that everyone else could evaluate it and integrate each other’s parts smoothly.

*11. How did working in a group help your topic?*

Our topic was very broad. If it were done in an individual presentation, we would have been unable to cover all of the subject material in a short period of time. Furthermore, being able to divide our topic into different “sub-topics” was useful in the organization of our speech.