

SPEECH OF PERSONAL SUCCESS

2-4 minutes

50 points

GENERAL:

The second speech you will do in this course is a Speech of Personal Success. You only have 2-4 minutes to tell the audience about one of your success stories. Like all stories, it should have clear and distinct parts, be prepared ahead of time, and delivered extemporaneously. What is considered personal success differs from person to person. While some may have made personal pilgrimages of hundreds of miles, most of us do not have stories of that magnitude and will narrate successes of purchasing a first vehicle, buying a home, or perhaps winning a sporting event.

Example of Possible Presentation

Growing up you lived miles out of town and had to ride the bus to school or travel with your parents when you went to town. You wanted your own wheels from a young age so you could be independent and have more flexibility; however, jobs were hard to come by and getting a job after school meant relying on others for transportation back home. **(This is the situation that sets the stage for your success.)** You decide to find a job and transportation. **(The next portion of your speech shows us the steps you took)** You looked in want ads, talked to local merchants, hung fliers, and enquired about rides with people heading out of town back towards your home. Eventually, you found a job and transportation **(This is the actual success)**. The last part of your presentation concerns itself with interpreting the event for us and showing us why it was so important to you – and US! In the case of this story, determination and perseverance do pay off

REQUIREMENTS:

Your Speech of Personal Success must contain the usual components that comprise a story:

- 1) A developing or existing situation that sets the stage for your personal success
- 2) A story dealing with the situation or steps that leads to your personal success
- 3) A brief discussion of what you learned from the experience or why the experience is an important part of who you are.

☐ Each of these 3 points must be organized in a formal outline form (see Formal Outline form on website).

☐ Use partial or complete sentences in your outline.

☐ Turn this outline in prior to your speech, as assigned in the course schedule.

☐ Use extemporaneous delivery from a speaking outline.

Speech Day: You need to turn in **1 copy** of your formal outline on the day you speak. Your outline must be typed, free of spelling errors and properly formatted. You'll also need your Speech of Personal Success Grading Form (available on website). Bring the appropriate number of Peer Critique forms on all speech days. You **MUST** also bring a VHS tape. **Failure to bring a tape results in an inability to earn total points for the critique.** Your video self-analysis essay is due the next class period after you speak.