

Pass/Fail Speech Exercise #2

Credible research, oral citation, and MLA

Extemporaneous Assignment

- For this scheduled speech exercise, find a newspaper or magazine article. Website sources are not allowed, even from news sources. However, you can use the online library database to find newspaper or magazine articles. When you have chosen an article, be sure to print the article and record a complete citation in MLA style to be handed in. Highlight your evidence in the article that you plan to use for the speech exercise.
- For this speech you will make claim that is supported by information in the article, then orally cite the article, and then deliver the quotation/paraphrase/statistics from the article.
- See the sample on the class website if you are unclear about these instructions.
- This exercise is designed to get you to do several things. First, it gets you to find credible published without relying on website style research. Second, it gets you to experiment with the library database. Third, it gets you to learn how to orally cite your sources when needed. And fourth, it gets you to see how sources are used as evidence to support the ideas you are communicating.
- The delivery of your information and citation should last at least 15 seconds, and should show substantial eye contact and enthusiasm in your voice and facial expression.
- Pass: if your claim, oral citation, and evidence are well delivered, and if your written citation is in perfect MLA format, then you pass the exercise and can reasonably be expected to do equally well or better on all future graded speeches.
- Fail: if your claim, oral citation, or evidence is not delivered with good eye contact and enthusiasm, or if your written citation is not in MLA style, then you will have to do this exercise again until you pass.

Impromptu Assignment

- After the Extemporaneous version of this assignment is complete, we will do it again with an impromptu version.
- All students will have brought in 2 newspaper or magazine articles with complete citations, and those will be passed around the class. You will get an article from some other student.
- You will read the article for a basic understanding, will create a claim, oral citation, and evidence statement from the article.
- The delivery should last at least 15 seconds, and should show substantial eye contact and enthusiasm in your voice and facial expression.
- Pass: if your claim, oral citation, and evidence are well delivered, then you pass the exercise and can reasonably be expected to do equally well or better on all future graded speeches.
- Fail: if your claim, oral citation, or evidence is not delivered with good eye contact and enthusiasm, then you will have to do this exercise again until you pass.