

LEAF Handout 12a

What's next??

12b: Giving a Toast

13a: Powerpoint Karaoke!

14a: Interviews and negotiations

14b: Storytelling

15a: Preparing for the final

15b: Finals!

Block 1: Impromptu speaking

#	Theme/Topic	Bonus Topic
1	Taylor Swift is the greatest musical artist of the past century	Naturalism in Mathematics
2	College football should expand the playoffs	NARS Velvet Matte Lip Pencil - Dragon Girl
3	Trans athletes in sports	Individually Wrapped Big Sour Patch Kids
4	How to properly make a bed and how to store and care for linens	Religious themes in the music of Kendrick Lamar
5	Anything <u>not</u> related to Israel	February 12
6	NFL deals for college athletes	David Bowie
7	Colors	Samuel von Pufendorf
8	Taylor swift is overrated :(Controversy about using corrugated cardboard as a mulch
9	The importance of youth sports	The Neuralink generalized brain interface
10	The 2024 presidential election	Fair Isle Island in Scotland
11	People's past lives	Microplastics
12	The government should not pay for roads	Scrambled eggs

How to plan your Impromptu Speech

1. What is my thesis/theme?
 - The Thesis is whatever you want your audience to believe
 - The Theme is the underlying principle that explains why your audience should believe it.
2. What's my last sentence?
 - Plan your last sentence and kicker before you start talking! This is the organizing principle of our whole talk. As you are speaking you should have that sentence in mind, and work your way to that kicker. If you plan nothing else, know how you will land the plane!
3. Who is my audience?
 - Imagine your audience and what will engage them. Think about what you know about people, and how to engage them. Then, as you are talking, try to calibrate your message to their interests, adapting as you go to engage people who seem to be drifting.
4. What is my goal?

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5. What's my content plan?
 - Once you are clear on your thesis/theme, last sentence, audience, and goal, ONLY THEN should you consider content (if you have time). The content can follow organically if you have 1-4 figured out.
6. What's my presentation plan?
 - Even if you don't have time to make a plan, you must signal that you have made a plan. Use signposting and clear language at the beginning and end, even if the middle of your speech was a total mess.
7. How can I use my physical environment (Notecard? Board? Props?)
 - If you are allowed to use a notecard, make sure you don't use it too much. Ideally you will speak without notes. But if you don't think you can stay organized without notes, use the notecard!

Exit Ticket: Think of the best toast, introduction, or eulogy you've ever seen. What made it so great?