

Speech class homework for Feb. 4-11, 2008

Some of you will give your oral interpretation speeches on February 11. By the end of that class I must have everyone's revised AIDS' outline, and everyone should have given both the autobiographical speech and the oral interpretation speech. I hope you can all get health and stay healthy for the remainder of the semester.

For all of you:

- Pay very close attention to the outline for your informative speech. I expect you to write a phrase outline that is grammatically parallel and that gives enough information. Do NOT use Introduction or Conclusion as major Roman numerals.
  
- **Read the handout entitled "MLA Form for Bibliography"**
- **Complete the MLA exercise on your computer; print it off and bring it to class on 2/11**
- **Study the MLA form for citing resources for the informative speech. Remember that the outline, bibliography and a visual count for 30 points (almost 1/3 of the total grade). Do not throw away these points by missing the information. You will have a homework assignment using the MLA format due on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Pay attention to the exact way to write parallel phrase outlines and to cite sources used for the speech.**
- **Have a topic to tell me on 2/11 for your informational speech**
  
- Brainstorm at home and with friends for the topics of future speeches:
  - Informational speech
  - Inspirational speech
  - Demonstration speech
  - Persuasive speech
- Read a news magazine and watch the news to prepare for the impromptu speeches

We do NOT have class on February 18<sup>th</sup> (Presidents' Day), so you have an extra week to prepare your informative speech. Make this something practical for you. If you are headed to college and know nothing of adult stem cell research, this would make a worthy topic. If your interests lie in economics, business, or even diamond investing, do some research and inform us about the topic!

If a student has put forethought into the topics rather than scurrying for a topic the week the speech is due, the results are usually much better. Keep a list of possible topics; start the list or keep adding to it this week.