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INVENTION/INVESTIGATION SPEECH PROPOSAL

Please write about the speech you are planning in terms of the aspects we have studied: purpose and audience, content and tone, structure, and delivery. Be as clear and complete as possible; revise for effectiveness and edit for spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Be sure that your paragraphs are coherent and that they are connected by transitions or idea hooks. Add a concluding sentence at the end.

Introduce the paper in your first paragraph, including the title of the speech and the scenario that you have imagined. Explain also the purpose of and audience for your speech. When and where would it be given? Who would be listening? What events have occurred that have led to the delivery of this speech? What are you trying to accomplish?

Continue by explaining the content and tone of the speech. What is the speech about? What is your invention? (You need to describe it briefly; a sentence or two will be fine.) What pieces of information must you be sure to include in your speech? (Be sure to check the presentation rubric.) What is the tone (attitude) of the words of the speech as you plan to write it? What kind of vocabulary will you use? What, if anything, will you have to explain carefully?

Discuss the structure of the speech. How will it begin and end? Where will it contain repetition and parallel structure? What is the effect of the structure on the meaning of the speech? How does the structure help you to accomplish your purpose? (Think: will it make sense to say that your speech doesn't need any repetition or parallel structure?) Consider sentence length. When would short, simple sentences be better than longer ones?

Finally, explain how you will deliver this speech. (How will you accomplish your purpose? How will you emphasize meaning? How will you use the structure?) Be specific about how you will change volume, pacing (speed and pauses), and inflection (pitch) at particular places in your speech. Explain clearly how you will use body language to help get your point across. Explain also what visuals you will use and how and when you intend to use them. Remember that you will be expected to do what you write here when you deliver your speech in front of the class. Wrap up your proposal with a short concluding paragraph.