

View and Analyze Video of Your “Mess to Success” Speech

A picture is worth a thousand words. The videotape of your speech will say more to you than any written or oral critique. Videotaping speeches will allow you to chart personal progress from the beginning through the end of term. You will also become more comfortable being in front of a camera. The class's videotapes will be available for viewing in the COMMLAB during the times it is open for use. Please try to schedule your viewing and analysis as soon after the speech assignment as possible. This is for the sake of logistics, as COMMLAB may become crowded in the final weeks of the semester, but, from the standpoint of learning, you will experience more improvement if you were to study the videotaped speech event *prior to* the next speaking opportunity.

View the video of your speech several times. On the first viewing, just observe the speech event. On the second viewing, jot down some notes that you want to discuss. On the third viewing, observe the speech event; the three viewings are important because, usually by the third viewing, the discomfort of seeing yourself on tape usually subsides, allowing for more objective examination of personal performance. At this time, see if there is anything you wish to modify in your notes.

Type your analysis (below) and turn it in to the Orange Folder. Be sure you include your name, class (including class time), and G#..

1. What were your strengths in the following areas:
 - Organization (introduction, body, conclusion)
 - Delivery (gestures, eye contact, vocal dynamics, energy, appearance, facial expression)
 - Visual aids (appropriateness and effectiveness of visual aid; handling of visual aid)
2. What are some things for you to work on in the above areas?
3. Thinking of your classmates' speeches, what are two things you observed that you felt were effective? If possible, refer to them by name and describe what you liked.