

## **Item of Importance Speech**

This informative speech should be an easy topic for you to speak about since you get to select the topic. Your assignment is to give a 1 ½ - 2 ½ minute speech about your item of importance. The item should be used as a visual aid. If the item is too large to bring to class, talk to me personally, and we will figure something out. You may bring your item in and keep it in the room until you speak. All items should go home with you once you have given your speech.

Consider these ideas while preparing this speech.

- A physical description of your item
- Why it means so much to you
- What your life would be without it

When setting up your speech, follow this basic outline.

### **Speech Outline**

- I. Introduction
  - a. Opening attention getter
  - b. Thesis statement
  - c. Preview main points of speech; what is to follow
  - d. Transition into body of speech
  
- II. Body
  - a. First main point
    - i. Sub-point
    - ii. Sub-point
  - b. Second main point
    - i. Sub-point
    - ii. Sub-point
  - c. Third main point
    - i. Sub-point
    - ii. Sub-point
  - d. Transition into conclusion
  
- III. Conclusion
  - a. Review main points of speech; what was said
  - b. Strong closing statement