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- Practice your speech before you deliver it in class. Like most things, the more you practice, the better public speaker you become.
- Figure out what you're going to do with your body. Gestures, facial expressions, and movement can all be effective, as long as you do them correctly. Again, PRACTICE first.
- Your speech should be about three minutes long. Time it ahead of time (staying within time is part of your grade). It shouldn't be any shorter than two minutes thirty seconds, or any longer than three minutes thirty seconds.
- When preparing an expository speech, you may either completely write it out and then memorize it, or speak from an outline. It is up to you. You will either turn in your outline or your script, whichever you use.
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