

Class: _____

Public Speaking Rubric

Category	4	3	2	1
Confidence	Scholar speaks knowledgably and with confidence.	Scholar speaks confidently the majority of the speech, with minor slips and hesitations.	Scholar has numerous slips and hesitations in his/her speaking. Sounds nervous.	Scholar is clearly nervous and has long, drawn out pauses and hesitations throughout.
Volume	Scholar speaks at a perfectly audible level. He/She is easy to hear.	Scholar is mostly audible, with occasional slips in volume.	Scholar is hard to hear or uncomfortably loud for the majority of the speech.	Scholar is speaking so softly that the audience is unable to hear most of the speech.
Enunciation	Scholar speaks clearly. Each word is articulated well and understandable to the audience.	Scholar mostly speaks very clearly, which minor errors or stammering through challenging ideas and concepts.	Scholar is doesn't not speak very clearly. He/She stammers and murmurs frequently throughout the speech.	It is almost impossible to understand scholar. He/She mumbles the entire speech and interjects several points with drawn out "ummm" or "uhhhhh".
Proper Pause & Pacing	Scholar masterfully pauses in key moments of the speech. The audience is able to digest what is being said. The pacing is smooth throughout.	Scholar pauses in some key places, and races through others. The pacing is sometimes smooth and other times bumpy and awkward.	There is little pause. The scholar races through much of the speech. The pacing feels awkward.	The scholar does not break for important points. There is no verbal distinction between key points and ideas. The audience is lost in the confusion.
Body Language and Eye Contact	Scholar makes eye contact with the audience. Body language suggests that the scholar is relaxed and comfortable. Gestures help to emphasize main points.	Scholar primarily makes eye contact and speaks with gestures. At times, the scholar looks away and forgets to engage the audience. Seems a little uneasy, but mostly relaxed.	Scholar is staring at note cards or away from the audience. Occasional attempts to make eye contact are made. Appears awkward in front of the group.	Scholar makes no effort to make eye contact, appears very uncomfortable, and fumbles through the entire speech.