**Impromptu Speech**

***Length: 5:00 to 5:30***

***Notes Permitted: 1 side of a 3x5 notecard***

**ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW**

For this speech, you will receive a set of three quotations. After selecting a quotation, you will provide an interpretation of the quotation, decide whether or not you agree with the idea expressed in the interpretation, and prepare a speech designed to convince the audience why they should agree/disagree with your interpretation. You will have approximately 3 minutes to prepare your speech. This assignment will give you excellent experience speaking with limited time for preparation.

For support, you should primarily use stories and anecdotes. This will help you develop your ability to find and cultivate stories for use in presentations. Some possible sources of stories and anecdotes for use in this speech include personal stories, movies, plays, books, biographies, current and historical events, theories, laws, poetry, philosophy, song lyrics, and sports.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

* Time Limit: 5:00 to 5:30. If your speech does not fall within the time window, you will be penalized. You should practice giving the speech with someone giving you time signals to get used to paying attention to your time allocation.
* All supporting arguments, the introduction, and the conclusion should flow from stories and anecdotes.
* Use a two-point thesis-argument-evidence structure as the organization pattern for the presentation.
* Clearly interpret the quotation and provide convincing examples supporting your view on this quotation.
* You should deliver the speech in a professional and relaxed manner. Preparation and rehearsal is extremely important to do well with this assignment.