

**201 Intermediate Level Public Speaking Program Weekly Summary: how to construct the beginnings of a speech**

Dear Speakers and Leaders of Class 201,

Thank you for an outstanding class yesterday evening. I appreciate all of your participation, contributions, questions, and interaction. Each week, I will send out a summary of the class, along with a reminder of the homework that is due for next week.

Summary:

A lot was accomplished in the short 90 minutes we were together. The class began with introductions to help us get to know each other better. We then had a quick warm-up period where everyone reflected on a particular image that inspired us to think about public speaking, getting in trouble, social media, generation gaps, and how quickly the world is advancing in technology.

We had a great discussion about how to best construct the beginnings of our speeches. The Power Point slides that we reviewed during that discussion are attached for your review.

We watched an amazing video that demonstrated how to engage the audience in a short amount of time. The link to the video is

[http://www.ted.com/talks/stacey\\_kramer\\_the\\_best\\_gift\\_i\\_ever\\_survived](http://www.ted.com/talks/stacey_kramer_the_best_gift_i_ever_survived) for those who would like to watch it again.

We ended the class with a powerful debate about whether or not we should have school on Saturdays. Both sides presented powerful, compelling arguments, and although only four students were able to debate, it was fun to see the rest of the class get behind the issues and contribute additional ideas through the chat.

Homework Assignment: Please be prepared with a three to five minute speech about the following topic: The best gift I ever received.

Also, please remember to sign up for office hours so that you can receive private coaching before presenting the speech to the class. You should be able to sign up through this link: [register.capturepoint.com/SpeaktoLead](http://register.capturepoint.com/SpeaktoLead) .

Thanks again for your participation and your hard work. I look forward to seeing you next Saturday!

Best,

Coach Juliette