

401 Speech Writing Program Week 2 Summary: Put Things in Order.

Dear Students,

We all worked hard this meeting! I was pleased to see you all maintaining your personal strengths and working towards adding impact, polish, and clarity to your speeches. The Word of the Day was “lol” and it was used many times: well done!

We started with the ‘lies’ game, where we tried to pick which of three personal statements wasn’t true. After that, it was time to present our prepared speeches – one elementary school commencement speech, one election speech and three Harvard commencement speeches.

For the theory session, we looked at the different ways a speech can be organized, and your participation made this segment of the evening exceptionally interesting. Then we watched and analyzed a speech that combined storytelling and science.

Finally, you all presented an impromptu speech on a variety of issues on the subject of school: from “Should high school start earlier in the morning” to “What makes a good teacher?” Kevin kindly took on the role of timer. Homework is a Presidential speech, 250 words: “the US President 2046,” or any other president: of a club or a student government body. Make it inspiring and forward-looking, and remember to think about how to organize your content.

Coach Margaret-Ann