



This I Believe Speech

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1. Purpose -

- The speech, through detailed examples, will support your thoughts and ideas on a personal belief.
- The speech will also give you the experience of using a manuscript and still be able to maintain the correct amount of eye contact for a speech.
 - Luckily you have had practice with the advertisement and newscast speeches, so this one should be the easiest yet.

2. Standards -

- Speaking and Listening
 - Peer Evaluations, Your Speech
- Writing
 - Manuscript - full sentence, proper formatting, strong vocabulary

3. Length -

- Your speech should be between 2 to 5 minutes long.
- You must meet this time frame. If you go over or under, you must present your speech again and your grade will be adjusted accordingly. You must practice, practice, practice!

4. Speech Manuscript -

- You will be typing your speech in a word-for-word manuscript for this speech.
- You will need 2 copies of your final manuscript – one to turn in for grading and another for yourself.
- You will need to use your own copy to practice your speech.
- Use appropriate word choice. Choose vocabulary that is better than a “4th grade level.” You will be asked to identify some of your strongest words in your speech, so keep that in mind as you are typing.
- 2-3 pages, typed in 12 pt font, using Arial or Times New Roman only, double-spaced is the average length of the manuscript.
- Make sure you have your name and a title in the upper left hand corner of the manuscript.

4. Speech -

- You will use a manuscript for this speech.
- Use a creative attention getter
- Consistently use eye contact with the audience.
- Practice your presentation several times to ensure you know the material to be presented and you know what you want to say..

5. Preparation -

- You will be given two in class days to type.
- We will be peer editing and reviewing the content
- Speeches will begin mid-week next week.



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This I Believe – Essay Writing Instructions

This assignment is challenging – it requires such intimacy that no one else can do it for you. To guide you through this process, follow these suggestions:

Tell a story:

Be specific. Take your belief out of events from your life. Consider moments when this belief was formed or tested or changed. Think of your own experience, work and family, and tell of things you know that no one else does. Your story need not be heart-warming or gut-wrenching – it can even be funny – but it should be **real**. Make sure your story ties to the essence of your daily life philosophy and the shaping of your beliefs.

Be brief:

Your statement should be between 350-500 words. That's about three minutes when you read aloud at your natural pace.

Name your belief:

If you can't name it in a sentence or two, your essay might not be about a belief. Also, rather than writing a list, consider focusing on a core belief; because three minutes is a very short time.

Be positive:

Please avoid preaching or editorializing. Tell us what you do believe, not what you don't believe. Avoid speaking in the editorial "we." Make your essay about you; speak in the first person.

Be personal:

Write in words and phrases that are comfortable for you to speak. Read your essay aloud to yourself several times, and each time edit it and simplify it until you find the words, tone and story that truly echo your belief and the way you speak. (within reason)

FORMAT

Introduction

Includes Attention Getter, Your Belief, and Transition to the Body

Body

Explain your belief. How you came about believing it; why you believe it. Tell a personal story. Be descriptive.

Conclusion

Summarize your speech. Restate your belief. Tie into your introduction.