Grade 10 Speech

DUE:

The following assignment will assess your thinking and communication skills, be graded out of 40, and marked using the following rubric. Please ensure that you hand your rubric to me on the date of your speech.

Not everybody likes to give speeches, but oral communication is extremely important no matter what you plan on doing after high school; whether it's arguing a speeding ticket, or trying to explain to your parents why you didn't come home until 6am. Public speaking is a way of life and this next assignment is designed to assess your public speaking skills. I know that they are pretty good as you have no problem talking to your classmates during class time, so think of this as that, but on a larger scale.

I am not going to bore you and ask you to write a speech that introduces your favourite person, or to talk to the class about things such as your favourite ice cream flavour. Your task is as follows:

TASK

Compose an 8 - 10 min. speech about a conspiracy theory, urban legend, or secret society. With conspiracy theories there are usually two sides, one that agrees and one that disagrees. In this case, there may be people doing the same theory but one of the different sides; you may not do the same side as somebody else. You need to teach the class about your chosen theory, legend, or society so feel free to use visual aids but remember that this is an assignment that assesses your public speaking skills; so rolling several video clips that total 8 – 10 minutes does not count as a speech. Also, visual aids do not have to be computer generated, if you what to put together photo displays that is fine as well.

OR

Prepare a 8 – 10 minute speech to teach the class how to do something. Some of you might be talented musicians, artists, dancers, skiers, hockey players, etc... Now is your chance to shine and get some marks for it. You are more than welcome to bring in props to help you in your presentation. However, due to school and Board policies you will not be allowed to bring in weapons of any kind so those of you who are good at any of the martial arts, cutting wood, hunting, etc... you are going to have to find another way to teach the class. This also applies to animals; sorry bear baiters, snake charmers, and anglers.

Again, you need to assume we know absolutely nothing about your theory, legend, society, OR what it is you are teaching us to do. Also, and this is VERY important; THERE CAN BE NO DUPLICATES IN EITHER CHOICE. Any conflict will be solved with the Bucket of Justice.

There will be a few periods with chromebooks but this is homework and if in class work time is not used effectively then those periods will be taken away.