**Narrative Speech**

In a narrative, you tell a story, but you also make a point. In this assignment, the story you are telling is how you arrived at your I-Search topic. The narrative speech should be about three minutes long where you explain how you became interested in, your experience with, or the initial information you had about your topic and why it was enough to get you to want to examine this topic more in-depth. You should briefly explain the argument you examined and your initial interest in it. Your listeners should be drawn into your topic while listening to your narrative presentation.

A narrative uses all the story elements - a beginning and ending, plot, characters, setting and climax - all coming together to complete the story.

**Tips on Presenting a Narrative Speech**

When telling a narrative story, remember that you are sharing sensory and emotional details with the reader.

* Your words need to be vivid and colorful to help the listeners feel the same feelings that you felt.
* Elements of the story need to support the point you are making and you need to remember to make references to that point in the first sentence.
* You should make use of conflict and sequence like in any story.
* You may use flashbacks and flash forwards to help the story build to a climax.

**Be sure you are not ruining your I-Search speech. This should be a preview of your argumentative topic without giving important details of your research away.**