Public Speaking Rubric

Delivery						
Poise & Appearance	1 Looks nervous; inappropriately dressed.	Some tension or indifferent appearance.	3 A little nervous; quick recovery from minor mistakes.	Relaxed, self- confident and appropriately dressed.		
Body Language	No descriptive movement or gestures.	Insufficient movement and/or gestures not coordinated with speech.	Gestures present but appear awkward or unnatural.	A Natural movement; descriptive gestures display energy and engage audience.		
Eye Contact	No effort to make eye contact with audience.	2 Occasional but unsustained eye contact with audience.	3 Fairly consistent use of direct eye contact with audience.	Builds trust and holds attention through direct eye contact with all parts of audience.		
Voice	1 Low volume or monotonous tone.	2 Uneven or inappropriate volume and/or little inflection	3 Variation in volume & inflection enhances presentation	Variation in volume & inflection maintains audience interest and emphasizes key points.		
Pacing	Either too fast or too slow; length does not match allotted time.	Either too fast or too slow or length does not match allotted time.	3 Delivery generally successful; slight mismatch between length and allotted time.	Excellent pacing, including dramatic pauses. Length matches allotted time.		

Content				
Central Idea	1 Has little or no focus on central idea or topic.	2 Attempts to focus on a central idea or topic.	3 Conveys a central idea or topic.	4 Maintains clear focus on central idea or topic.
Details	1 Insufficient or unrelated details.	Lists related details but provides no elaborations	3 Provides sufficient details with some elaboration.	4 Elaborates details to support central idea.
Conclusion or Opinion	Little or no conclusion or opinion.	Attempts to form a conclusion.	3 Includes a conclusion or opinion that is linked to the central idea.	Includes a clearly stated conclusion or opinion that is clearly linked to the central idea.