NARRATIVE SPEECH EVALUATION FORM

Speaker_____Date_____

Rate the speaker on the following criteria: E = Excellent (accomplished well), A = Average (accomplished), P = Poor (accomplished poorly or not accomplished at all).

CONTENT

Transportation E A P

Does the speaker establish the story space and bring the audience into the world of the narrative?

Events E A P

Does each event include the following three elements: (1) At least one CHARACTER (2) who is located in a SETTING (3) where one or more ACTIONS take place?

Organization E A P

Is the narrative organized with reference to a logical chronology, which includes all of the necessary information to tell the story cohesively?

Climax E A P

Is the story organized around a culminating EVENT that resolves the underlying dramatic tension of the story? Does the climax gain dramatic emphasis through the speaker's delivery?

Vividness E A P

Are CHARACTERS, SETTINGS, and ACTIONS established through descriptive and expressive language and PARALANGUAGE?

Re-entry E A P

Does the speaker provide appropriate cues to indicate the conclusion of the story and avoid an abrupt ending?

DELIVERY

Posture E A P

Legs shoulder-width apart, back straight, shoulders square?

Gestures E A P

Regulatory E A P

Is the speaker's punctuation emphasized through hand movements?

Demonstrative Yes No N/A

Does the speaker use gestures to approximate features of events?

Emphatic Yes No N/A

Does the speaker use gestures to heighten the impact of the verbal message?

Facial Expressions E A P

Is the speaker emotionally involved in the story and do those emotions appear authentic?

Eye-Contact E A P

Does the speaker use sustained and individualized eye-contact throughout the audience?

Paralanguage E A P

Does the speaker vary and manipulate volume, pitch, and tone effectively?

Proxemics & Kinesics E A P

Does the speaker move and positon him/herself with purpose to facilitate transitions among settings, points, arguments, and/or evidence?

Chronemics E A P

Does the pace of the speech vary with the requirements of the content, demonstrate confidence, and maximize impact?