Speech Checklist

Introductory paragraph contains:

\_\_\_ a hook that addresses the topic’s issues or grabs the audience’s attention

\_\_\_ establishes credibility and/or makes a connection with the audience

\_\_\_ thesis

\_\_\_ roadmap (highlight the areas in which you will be speaking or main

supporting ideas

Body paragraphs contain:

\_\_\_ a topic sentence and transition words to

connect it to previous paragraph

\_\_\_ content – they have provided details to support their ideas/thesis

\_\_\_ any quotations are embedded or incorporated and do not stand alone as

sentences

\_\_\_ transition words to connect ideas/sentences within the

paragraphs

Concluding paragraph contains:

\_\_\_ key ideas from the speech

\_\_\_ thesis re-stated in different words

\_\_\_ further implications or future issues if the problem is not tackled or suggest

future considerations

\_\_\_ final impression or image left to the reader

Overall speech contains:

\_\_\_ a combination of persuasive appeals including: pathos, logos and ethos

\_\_\_ underline or highlight at least 3 rhetorical devices such as rhetorical

question, repetition,

metaphor, simile, imagery, parallel structure/parallelism, hyperbole,

personification, etc.

\_\_\_ effective use of gestures; no distracting gestures

\_\_\_ effective voice and tone; expressive and clear

\_\_\_ sophisticated language (diction, word choice) and strong verbs

\_\_\_ varied sentences

\_\_\_ correct spelling, grammar and punctuation

\_\_\_ length of speech is approximately 5 minutes