Speech Tips

* Before you begin, make sure that you check out the sample speech I have uploaded on your AP page on mrbrock.net. Use it to see what kind of pacing and presenting I expect.
* Remember that this is not a huge deal, but I do not want you to treat it as if it doesn’t matter at all. Don’t freak out, but also, don’t blow it off.
  + The biggest thing I will use in determining your grade is the amount of effort and seriousness you put into it.
* Use the rubric to construct your speech, and then have someone grade you using the rubric as you speak. **THE FIRST TIME YOU GIVE YOUR SPEECH SHOULD NOT BE IN CLASS!**

Speech Template

Prompt: “Choose a current event happening outside of the US. Describe it and argue for why it should be studied by AP GOPO students.”

Part 1: Introduction

* Attention grabber – use a quote, a statistic, an anecdote or something catchy to get your audience’s attention
* Make sure that you say what your speech is over and that it should be studied by AP GOPO students (this is your thesis)

Part 2: Background Info/Details (this should be the bulk of your speech)

* Explain the event in detail
  + You can use the who, what, when, where, why how formula if you choose
    - Be as descriptive as possible when giving the 5 Ws and 1 H
* Give any background info you might need to regarding your topic
  + How did it begin, what caused it, etc…
* Give what both sides are saying about the event/news
  + If you aren’t sure, google “conservative view on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_“ and “liberal view on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

Part 3: Conclusion/Why it should be studied by AP GOPO students today

* Be creative here and don’t be too broad
  + “Because it is really important” is not a good reason
* Think about Americans and their interaction with the government, especially young Americans like high school students
  + Consider that we are future leaders and reasonable people
* Try to leave the class with something they will remember about your speech and your topic