*“Getting to Know You*”

Chapter 1

The first speech of the semester is one about a topic you (should) know very well: YOU! Despite being a familiar topic, you should still take the time to consider what information you ultimately include (e.g. what you had for breakfast vs. your hopes and dreams… unless you hope to become bacon).

Upon completion of this presentation, you should be able to:

* Organize familiar material in a format to present to others
* Experience speaking in front of an audience to become aware of aspects of effective delivery, such as body language, eye contact, volume, and vocal variety
* Get a feel for presenting ideas in front of a group

Organization:

* Write this first speech as a narrative (or essay about yourself)
* Begin with basic information such as your name, age, where you’re from, etc.
* You may choose to answer the following questions:
  + Your name/nicknames
  + When and how did you spend your childhood?
  + Details about your hometown or neighborhood
  + How do you spend your spare time?
  + Who are your favorite actors? Favorite movies? Favorite books? Why?
  + What is your favorite sport? Why?
  + Who is your role model? Why?
  + Conclude with a summarizing statement about your school plans or a goal for this class

Specifics:

* Speak for 2-3 minutes
* Check the rubric for grading standards
* Narratives (print 2 copies) are due on presentation day, despite whether you present or not
* Practice! Practice! Practice!