

Paper Bag Speech Assignment

Directions: Determine the **three most important values** in your life, then **choose three personal items** (objects) that represent these values. **These items must fit into a paper bag**, and they will be shared with the class as you deliver a **1-3 minute speech** that presents you and your values to the class.

Be creative and refrain from presenting your values through objects (symbols) that you normally bring to school. For example, while a cellphone definitely symbolizes communication, it is a predictable symbol and will not engage or interest your peers.

Speech Outline:

- I. **Introduce Yourself** (state name, background, a few interesting facts about yourself – heritage, hobbies, etc.)
- II. **Thesis/Topic Sentence** (state what you are going to do/talk about → *“In this bag are symbols that represent three values I have in my life...”*)
- III. **Body of Information** (present each object/symbol; state which value it represents; explain how and why it represents a value in your life. State its importance to your life overall)
 - A. Description and interpretation of first symbol/object: _____.
 - Take the object out of your paper bag and state what it is. Where did you get it? How does it connect to you? Does it have a specific story related to it?
 - Explain how it represents a value in your life.
 - Explain why that value is so important to you.
 - B. Repeat for the second symbol/object: _____.
 - C. Repeat for the second symbol/object: _____.
- IV. **Concluding Statement** (state why knowing these values is important → *“Knowing what my values are, and living according to them is important to share with others because...”*)

Brainstorming Sheet

Personal Value & Why It is Important to Me	Object that Symbolizes Value	Personal Story How has this value appeared in your life? Why is it important?
<i>E.g. Personal Growth (to improve knowledge of the world, and to deepen my understanding of my peers' cultures; to increase my independence)</i>	<i>E.g. Plane Ticket (evidence of the first time I travelled on my own)</i>	<i>E.g. I travelled to Cambodia, a country I had always wanted to visit...</i>