Speaker/Audience Rhetoric Activity

Three major aspects of technical communication for any speaker to understand before giving a public speech are (a) the author's perspective and motivations, (b) the demands of the contextual situation, and (c) the audience(s) receiving the speech. Without looking, pick a number from one to fifteen, three times in a row. Within your student groups, each of you will prepare a speech to give to the group that will last two full minutes. Remember to consider your speaker's perspective, the context, and the specific audience you're working with as you put together the most effective speech possible.

Choose one of the following speakers:

1.	Oprah
2.	Bob Ross
3.	Jimmy Fallon
4.	Barack Obama
5.	Daniel Radcliffe
6.	Ellen Degeneres
7.	Morgan Freeman
8.	A Canadian
9.	A British Person
10.	Matt Damon
11.	Arnold Schwarznegger
12.	Buzz Lightyear
13.	Darth Vader
14.	Bugs Bunny
15.	Dory

Choose one of the following situations:

1.	The strangest experience at a thrift store
2.	A crazy encounter at a McDonalds
3.	Quantum Mechanics
4.	The best and worst vegetables
5.	A crazy family relative
6.	How to write the perfect paper
7.	My worst nightmare
8.	The best way to spend a Saturday
9.	The ideal job
10.	An encounter on a subway
11.	Dogs or cats – why?
12.	The abridged history of the American Revolution
13.	Which is more fun: going to the beach or going to the movies?
14.	The best golfing experience you've ever had
15.	Your favorite hobby

Choose one of the following audiences:

1.	A very religious group of people
2.	Your mother
3.	Your father
4.	Your significant other
5.	Santa Claus
6.	Your professor
7.	A judge
8.	Kevin Bacon
9.	Your cousin, who you see every two years
10.	A married couple going on a honeymoon in the Swiss Alps
11.	A highly attentive gorilla
12.	An anthropomorphized, 15ft cat
13.	Two people who are interviewing you
14.	Your crush
15.	An elite gathering of mathematical geniuses