Speech of Introduction  
Thursday, Feb. 1  
(10 points)

1. Using the research tools available to you (Internet, online databases, Northwest Vista College library, etc.), find a person with whom you share either the same first name or the same last name. This should be a noteworthy person, although not necessarily a famous person.

2. Read that person’s biography and take note of the major events or accomplishments of his or her life.

3. Create (type) a short outline that will fit on one piece of paper. Indicate the person’s name, the source(s) you consulted, what you will use for an introduction, your main points, and how you will conclude. There is an example below. Be sure to include your own name, too!

4. In class, give a 1-minute speech of introduction in which you will introduce yourself as the person you researched. Use the outline you created, and turn it in when you’re done. You can be “in character” as much as you are comfortable with.

Sample outline:

Laura Padgett (Your Name)  
SPCH 1315.003  
February 1, 2007

Person: Ohio Senator Joy Padgett  
Sources: The Ohio Senate [http://www.senate.state.oh.us/senators/bios/sd_20.html]; Joy Padgett for Congress [http://www.joypadgett.com/home/]

Intro: How many of you have heard of “Coshocton”? Town/birthplace of Sen. Joy Padgett.

Main Points:  
I. Political Experience  
  • Elected to senate Jan. 2004  
  • Previously a state senator (1993-1999)  
  • Small business owner and educator (h.s. teacher) before pursuing political career

II. Conservative  
  • War in Iraq  
  • Traditional Marriage  
  • Small gov’t, low taxes

Conclusion: I am an outspoken, experienced senator, and I am happy to make the acquaintance of such fine people, even if you had never heard of Coshocton, Ohio before today!