The Last Lecture

**Introduction:** Randy Pausch’s famous Last Lecture is not only a story about achieving childhood dreams but offers a roadmap for how to live one’s life. His optimism in the face of certain defeat leads us to one question:

**If YOU had one last lecture for your friends, family, or classmates, what would you say?**

As you approach the final few days of your high school careers, now is your chance to construct your own “Last Lecture” before moving on to your next step.

**Instructions:**

You are to develop a 3-5 minute “Last Lecture” to your classmates.

**Some possible options for your speech:**

-A highlight reel of your favorite moments of high school, or the past few years

-A critical look at what you’d do differently if you had to start over as a freshman

-A review of all the academic content you actually remember and plan on using

-A satirical overview of the best and worst of the high school experience

-A serious/meaningful speech for your class about the meaning of life

-Your final message about an important current event

(Anything else, just make sure it’s approved)

*(Inappropriate content, personal attacks or intentional embarrassment will not be permitted. Be witty, funny, clever, interesting…but don’t be an idiot about it.)*

**Rubric**

Preparation: Speech Outline and/or Visual Aid- \_\_\_\_\_\_/25

Delivery: Eye Contact, Volume, Energy, Inflection- \_\_\_\_\_\_/25

Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/50

***Brainstorming***

Possible Topics

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| Subtopic 1: |  |
| Subtopic 2: |  |
| Subtopic 3: |  |
| Subtopic 4: |  |
| Subtopic 5: |  |

Subtopics Specifics/Examples