# SPEECH OUTLINE

## NAME: Student A

## TITLE: Speech 2

## ORGANIZATIONAL PATTERN: Topical

## SPECIFIC PURPOSE: Individuality and the Collective

## INTRODUCTION

ATTENTION GETTER:

Imagine linking hands in a grassy field on top of a mountain in New Mexico, with thousands of people forming one giant circle. They all start to ‘om’ so many people you almost feel the ground rumble beneath your feet. A crack of lightning and a rumble of thunder silences the gatherers for a moment before the circle breaks, begins to dance, and beat drums in the onset of the rain. This was my experience at my first rainbow gathering in 2009.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL ORIENTATION:

Here in Humboldt you can walk down to the plaza and probably meet a dozen rainbows, though you might just see them as trimigrants or plazoids. Maybe you have even been to a gathering be it the regionals up in Shasta or the nationals?

## LOGICAL ORIENTATION and THESIS:

There are many aspects of the gathering that have helped me grow as a person. Tavory and Goodman in an article about Rainbow Gatherings discussed how the rainbow is a “constant articulation” of individuality and community. For me the rainbow tribe throughout the last 7 years has greatly impacted my person on so many levels that I could not be me without the lessons on individuality and community.

1. The person that I was before my first gathering and the person that I have become would be unrecognizable to each other.
2. The before me
3. Drug addiction
4. Depression
5. Apathy and Disconnect
6. Now Me through the conversations with people at rainbow
7. Clean and Healthy lifestyle
8. Positive Outlook
9. Empathy and Connection

TRANSITION The ability to connect with people and the earth has empowered me to being able to be a part of a community.

1. Rainbow has taught me to be a pillar among pillars so that everyone can grow together, supporting together as opposed to supporting on the few. Basically through finding yourself an individual you can see how you can participate among a collective, your individual self is needed to bring genuine support into the collective circle.
2. It takes a community to build a temporary city that will take care of the needs of 10,000 plus people and there is a lot of work to be done.
3. Infrastructure
4. All of this work means that there is a job for everyone creating a sense of worth as a part of the whole giving sense of community.
5. Self-importance and self-worth brings you together
6. Appreciation of everyone’s effort
7. All of this work at the end of the day shows at Main Circle
8. Eating
9. Celebrating your Community

CONCLUSION

## LOGICAL CLOSURE:

Overall, the Rainbow tribe has given me a wider sense of individuality and community that have guided me through to becoming the person I am today.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL CLOSURE:

This important to us all because finding ourselves amidst this society is a ceaseless battle and even harder still is to find a sense of community, so if you find it treasure it.

## CLINCHER:

In this day and age where the power of the people dwindles, walls of technology create barriers within our communities, and our self worth commonly attaches to capitalism, I feel we can all learn from breaking free of the monotony and joining together to build something awesome.

Tavory, I., & Goodman, Y. C.. (2009). "A Collective of Individuals": Between Self and Solidarity in a Rainbow Gathering. *Sociology of Religion*, *70*(3), 262–284. Retrieved from http://www.jstor.org/stable/40376077