

## The Tribute Speech 3-5 minutes

Choose a person, living or dead, famous or not, who has had a tremendous impact on your life. Who is a hero or heroine for you? Who do you admire? When you ask yourself these questions you should readily discover the person to whom you should pay tribute.

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Attention Getter:**

Be sure to set the mood. These do not need to be deathly serious speeches. But, a certain fondness and sense of affection should permeate the mood to the opening of the speech.

#### **I. Thesis**

Perhaps something like: "If my mom hadn't have been such a strong influence in my life I would probably be a dismal failure by now,"

### **BODY**

*In the body of the speech, you may use the following, or a combination thereof:*

#### **I. Background of the person**

- A. Their upbringing
- B. Accomplishment and Achievements
- C. Values and Morals
- D. Hardships and Struggles

#### **II. Examples of how this person has influenced you.**

- A. What the person has done to you or for you.
- B. What the person has done for others.

#### **III. Have you grown as a result of this person's influence?**

#### **IV. In what way will you try to emulate this person in later years?**

### **CONCLUSION**

#### **I. Summarize the person's influence.**

#### **II. Clincher:** Should be something very special.

- A. A very appropriate quote
- B. A poem
- C. A letter you would write to the person
- D. An expression of gratitude