**Chapter 15**

**THE SPEAKER’S VOICE: THE SOUND OF THE SPEECH**

**Chapter 15 Sample Speech Topics**

1. **Informative/*”Quinceanera: The Coming of Age Ceremony”***

Although some students may have heard of the Jewish coming of age ceremony, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the Spanish or Mexican Coming of Age Ceremony is less well-known.

<http://gomexico.about.com/od/historyculture/g/quinceanera.htm>

This article explains what a Quinceanera is and how it is celebrated.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quincea%C3%B1era>

This Wikipedia posting explains the different Quinceanera celebrations in a variety of Latin countries.

1. **Persuasive/”*Should High School Students Wear Uniforms”***

For the most part, American high school students, except for those in religious schools, do not wear uniforms. However, students around the world, for the most part, do wear uniforms. The question of whether American students should or should not wear uniforms is a lively topic.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/School_uniforms_by_country>

This very intere4sting post lists countries around the world and their respective uniforms.

<http://www.debate.org/opinions/should-american-schools-have-school-uniforms>

This piece examines opinions on both sides of the uniform debate, with the “yes they should” side overwhelmingly winning.