**Chapter 2: Your First Speech**

**Discussion Questions and Activities**

1. Describe the relationship between the specific purpose and thesis statement.
2. Describe how you typically prepare for upcoming presentations. Do you practice beforehand? If so, what does your practice entail? Compare and contrast practicing for an upcoming speech before a live (face-to-face) audience and one before a virtual audience.
3. What would be helpful to know about your audience in preparation for your first speech?
4. Evaluate the importance of delivery, content, and organization when preparing for the first speech. Is one stage in the process more significant than the rest? Explain.
5. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a speaker? How can you utilize this information to help you better prepare for your first speech?