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Introduction: I am Carl C. McKee Jr; I reside on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. I took this class because it was required for my program. Yes, public speaking/EG 102 was a requirement for my program of study, and I wanted to advance my public speaking skills. The reason for taking this class was for the program I am in but also for me to improve my speaking skills, critical thinking, verbal and non-verbal communication skills, and to develop and improve my leadership skills. Former President Barack Obama is a resident of Chicago, Illinois. Listening to President Obama inspires me, letting me know when walking on the right path and you're willing to do the work; eventually, you'll make progress which helps me stay focused and headed in the right direction. Yes. I've always enjoyed President Obama; he has always spoken his truth even when it wasn't popular, and he inspires me to be my authentic self regardless of the obstacles. Public Speaking plays a pivotal role in my personal and professional life by teaching me how to be prepared when interacting and communicating with others. How to use attention-getters, redirect if I'm losing my audience, and deliver my message.

Body: Yes. At the age of eight, I started preaching, and thirty-one years later, I'm still proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ; it's natural to me because of the time and dedication of my preaching. The challenges I face while speaking being nervous, not taking my time, and giving the audience eye contact. When adapting to an environment, I make eye contact with the audience, which helps me figure out what content and messages they may be interested in. The importance of my audience is when I get their attention with a creative presentation and deliver it aptly. I engage with my audience by telling them a story or personal experience I encounter. The way I respond to my audience, I will go off script and sometimes tell a joke to get them interested in the message being delivered. I adjusted by changing the presentation in a way that would keep the audience interested.

Conclusion: I prepared my introductory speech by following the assignment given to me on what the assignment should be and by using the resource link that provided help. Yes. The feedback that was provided helped me correct the errors that were made so when it's time to write another speech, the errors would be correct. The feedback taught me how to use the correct wording when writing and be an attention-getter when presenting my speech to the audience. Yes. I feel more confident because I was taught to be an attention-getter, have eye contact, control my tone, and have body language that shows my position on stage. I will continue sharpening my public speaking by recording my presentations, practicing more in front of family/ friends, and reading about communication skills. Public speaking will enhance my career as a better communicator, making me an effective leader who will build credibility with others. Public speaking will allow me to change the world by being vehement about a topic, focusing on

different ideas realizing that the speech is not about me but about the audience I'm presenting to know that public speaking is essential in life.