Directions: Consider the structural tips below to help you with your own, “What is creativity” final speech. I will give an example speech and we will review the organization I used (as seen below). Please annotate and highlight as you go!

1. Introduction/Lead:

You need to start your speech with something interesting and engaging. Maybe it is a story, a picture, a quote, a question…think about how you can draw your reader in!

My Ideas:

1. Overview your answer to “What is creativity”

Maybe you give an overall lesson or definition. It is really important that you let your audience know where you are going to go with the speech, so discuss the three (or more) big things you learned briefly.

My Ideas:

1. Give your Evidence:

Move into your three main points and discuss them more in depth with specific discussion and actual evidence. Share papers, books, and experiences from this class. Use helpful text and visuals!

My Ideas:

1. Conclusion:

End your speech by revisiting the “What is creativity” question and/or revisit your lead, offer a future goal or a quote!

My Ideas:

My Speech:

Hello, my name is Mrs. Rutan and today I would like to answer the question, “What is creativity. ” To start I would like with a story about my creative process. It begins in 2010 when my husband and I moved into our first home—a very old, very outdated Victorian home. Ever since then, I have found myself creatively recreated this home into something new and wonderful. The pictures here show the dining room that took several months to remodel, but the end result is one of my favorite moments of creativity. This experience has helped me better understand creativity…it can be so many things, but in the end it produces a wonderfully unique result that you are proud of, just like this dining room you see here.

So, What is creativity? Let me answer that with this poem…As you can see, I think real creativity can be hard to find in today’s society, but I also believe this #1 Lesson: You aren't necessarily born creative, you can learn it! This class has taught me that everyone has the capacity to be creative, even myself, even all of you. So, here are my three beliefs of creativity: 1. Creativity is a personal experience; 2. Creativity is hard, but rewarding work; 3. Creativity isn't just writing!

So point #1, Creativity is a very personal experience. I actually learned this lesson from one of the books I read for SSR called The Things They Carried, by Tim O’Brien. He wrote fictional stories about his real life experience in Vietnam, and those hard, dramatic moments inspired me to write my own personal poem called, “The Book Fight.” It involves a true story about my younger brother, and I would like to read some of it to you…

This was a very personal poem, but it ended up being so creative and a wonderful writing experience for me. It helped me realize that drawing from your own life can be great for the creative process.

The next thing I learned is that creativity is hard. Redoing that dining room was really hard work, but the end was worth it. I learned this in writing as well with my personal narrative that I had to do for my MSU class. It was a hard assignment…I struggled finding a topic, but when I finally did, it turned out to be one of my favorite writing pieces. It is a funny story with great diction and dialogue that focuses on my old childhood neighborhood. When I finished it and shared it with my classmates, I have never felt more accomplished—that is creativity!

My final moment is focused on the way creativity can expand beyond writing. Yes, this class is creative writing, but the answer to “What is creativity” can be so much more. I think personalizing this Weebly and incorporating my own personal pictures also shows creativity. Creativity can be so many things—photography, cooking, problem solving…If you look at some of these pages and pictures, it took a lot of time and thought, but the result is a creative final portfolio. Thus, creativity is so many things!

Sadly, our world often undervalues or ignores the idea of creativity. Some people think they aren’t, and never will be “creative” but that isn’t true. If you are willing to explore personal moments and inspirations, put in the time and effort, you too can find creativity. I would like to end on this quote…and I hope you all realize creative is possible for anyone! Thank you.