



Name _____

Speaking for Truth

Instructions: Josef Pieper warns that language can either manipulate or reveal truth. Your task is to **craft a short persuasive speech** that resists manipulation and upholds dignity. Follow the steps below.

Part I - Brainstorming Prompts

1. What truth do you want to communicate (choose a simple topic: honesty, respect, fairness, or freedom)?
2. How might manipulative speech distort this truth?
3. What key words or phrases will help keep your message clear and authentic?

Part II - Drafting Your Speech

- Begin with a **hook**: a sentence that draws in the listener without exaggeration.
- State your **main truth** clearly.
- Provide **two reasons** why this truth matters.
- Offer an **example** (from history, society, or everyday life) that supports your point.
- End with a **call to action**: invite your audience to value truth over manipulation.

Speech:
