Mini-Brain Campaign Speeches

Your task is to write a campaign speech in order to influence our votes toward you on Election Day. In this speech, you will explain why you are the ideal candidate to be the first Division 3 Mini-Brain. You will deliver this speech to the class on Campaign Day.

(You know now you can do that without throwing up or dying, as proven by doing things like sharing ideas in class and, you know, a long history of doing presentations in school, so just relax and don't let that last paragraph blow your mind too much.)

Criteria:

1. An **introduction**, in which you (subtly) grab our attention. In this introduction, you should introduce your top three leadership qualities and give a brief teaser of your plan to make Room 105 a better place. Here, you want to draw us in, not scare us away.

2. Three sections explaining why your top three **leadership qualities** are suited to the position of the Div. 3 Mini-Brain. In each section, take one leadership quality and tell us about a specific time when you have demonstrated this quality. Telling **specific stories** about your qualities is the way to capture people's hearts and make you relatable. Remember, the juice is in the details. In each section, also tell us why you think this quality is essential to the Mini-Brain position.

3. **Your vision for Room 118**: a paragraph detailing what your version of the Mini-Brain would look like. You can explain how you would lead, or explain your policy plan(s), or both.

4. **A conclusion**, in which you recap your leadership qualities and how they relate to your plan. Lasting impressions: you want to be memorable.

5. Time limit: 5 minutes.

Things to focus on:

- Specific word choice—think Philip Pullman: what word says exactly what you want it to say?
- Sentence structure—how can you use structure to aid in clarity?
- Details—how can you use specific details to strengthen your argument?
- Flow—what can you do to help each idea and each sentence lead naturally to the next?
- Realness—strive to sound like a real person, talking to other real people: you are at your best, publicly, when you are closest to your most relaxed self. You are not acting like a politician; you are just you.
- Taking it seriously—humor is okay (even encouraged!) but the objective is a real one.

Your setting is this classroom, so don't write a speech that you would deliver at a huge rally in an airplane hanger. This is more like a town hall.

Spelling, punctuation, and grammar totally count.