Hogwarts Informative Speech Outline

Specific Purpose: I want to inform the audience about Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry so that they will understand the qualities that make it a desirable travel destination.

I. Open with impact:

Dear Ms. Harrison (that’s me),

We are pleased to inform you that you have a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Please find enclosed a list of all necessary books and equipment. Term begins on 1 September. We await your owl by no later than 31 July.

Yours sincerely,
Minerva McGonagall
Deputy Headmistress

This is the letter that I, along with many other fans of the *Harry Potter* series, wished I could have received. However, when my 11th birthday arrived, it turned out not to be in the cards for me. Not to mention that I’m a muggle, or non-wizarding folk; I’m American, not British; and Hogwarts is not physically real. Although Hogwarts is only the stuff of fiction, as an avid reader of the entire series and self-described member of the House of Gryffindor, I still dream of one day traveling to Hogwarts.

II. Speech goal: Today I will tell you about Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry so that and the qualities that make it a desirable travel destination

III. Connect with audience: If you’ve ever dreamed of traveling to a real or imagined place, you’ll love what Hogwarts has to offer.

**Thesis:** Hogwarts is an ideal travel destination because of its interesting classes, exciting extracurricular activities, and famous students and faculty.

I. Main Point I: One great reason to visit Hogwarts is because the classes offered there are much more exciting and entertaining than at “normal” schools.
   A. In transfiguration, taught by Minerva McGonagall, young witches and wizards learn how to transform objects into other objects.
   B. In Defense of the Dark Arts, students learn how to protect themselves from dark witches and wizards.
   C. In Care of Magical Creatures, animal-loving students like myself can learn about and sometimes interact with fantastical creatures such as flobberworms, hippogriffs, and even unicorns.
Transition: Not only are the classes exciting and entertaining, but the sports, clubs, and other extracurricular offerings at Hogwarts promote a sense of fun and camaraderie among its students…and could literally kill you.

II. Main Point: Just like here at OHS, Hogwarts had activities to suit everyone’s talents and interests.
   A. The short-lived Dueling Club allowed students to learn how to “fight” using different spells.
   B. Dumbledore’s Army was a small, secret group led by Harry Potter that learned how to defend themselves against attacks of various nature.
   C. Quidditch is a sport played on broom sticks incorporating three different types of balls—a quaffle, two bludgers, and a golden snitch—the popularity of which rivals that of soccer in the world.

Transition: Despite the myriad of exciting classes and activities offered, the main reason I would want to travel to Hogwarts is because it is a place of employment and alma mater of many famous witches and wizards.

III. Main Point: The teachers and students of Hogwarts are famous for their many achievements in the wizarding world.
   A. Albus Dumbledore was the most famous headmaster of all time at Hogwarts until his death in 1997.
   B. Harry Potter is the most famous student of Hogwarts, leading the students and teachers in their defeat of Lord Voldemort and his army of Death Eaters at the Battle of Hogwarts.
   C. Hermione Granger, an integral soldier in the battle against the Dark Lord (and one of my role models), graduated from Hogwarts in 1999.

IV. Conclusion

Summarize: The classes, activities, and famous attendees at Hogwarts makes it the obvious travel destination for those searching for an adventure.
   A. You can learn to defend yourself against Dark Magic or transform an object with Professor McGonagall.
   B. If you need a Quidditch lesson, find Ginny Weasley, who started playing at Hogwarts and later played professionally.
   C. And remind yourself not to get too star struck when Harry Potter and his friends come back for the Homecoming activities.

Close with impact: Although I live in the real world and not a fantasy world created in the imagination of J.K. Rowling, I would still enjoy the opportunity to visit Hogwarts before my puny existence on earth is over. But until then, I leave you with the Hogwarts school song: “Hogwarts, Hogwarts, Hoggy warty Hogwarts, teach us something please. Whether we be old and bald or young with scabby knees. Our heads could do with filling with some interesting stuff, for now they’re bare and full of air, dead flies and bits of fluff!”