Code of Ethics

As you enter the workforce, you will notice that many companies have a code of ethics. This code allows employees to understand the type of behavior that is expected of them while working at that particular company. A code of ethics is important because it allows many different types of people—who may have different personal ethics—to abide by the same rules. Similarly, your public speaking classroom is made up of many different types of people, making it important to create a classroom code of ethics.

1. Start by writing down some rules that you think are important in a public speaking classroom. If necessary, use chapter 3 in your book for assistance, but do not limit yourself to those listed in the book.

2. Now get into groups of four and share your ideas listed in #1 with your group members. Write down any suggestions you find particularly useful.

3. Next, your professor will ask all groups to submit their ideas. Working together, your class will create your own code of ethics. After finalizing the code, be sure to write (or type) it on a separate piece of paper, so that you know what is appropriate in your classroom.