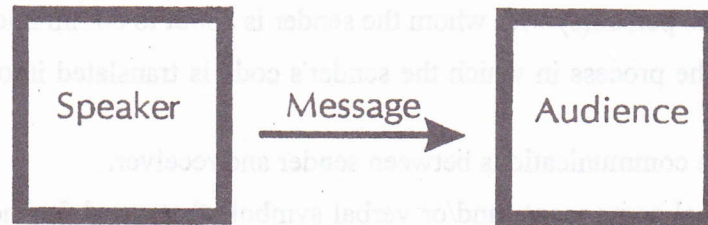


HUMAN COMMUNICATION

While this is not a theory course, it is both helpful and practical to understand the essential elements that interact when humans communicate. A model is not reality; it simply pictorializes the relationships between communication elements. A model can be useful when communications break down: we can go back to the picture and try to understand where things went wrong; when communication works well, we can go back to the picture and try to discover why.

Aristotle gave us one of the earliest-known models: SENDER-MESSAGE-AUDIENCE:



When basic elements of communication are added to the Aristotelian model, a clearer picture of what happens during human interpersonal communication begins to emerge:

