
PERSUASIVE SPEECH: Choosing Your Topic

Name:

Period:

PART 1:

1. Read the "Choosing Your Speech" document in the "Day 1" folder.
2. Decide on 2-3 areas of interest (e.g. Education, Environment, etc.) and write them down below:
3. Within each area of interest, write down 1-2 topics that you would be interested in learning more about or topics you know you would like to do your speech on.
4. Take some time to get a broad, high-level understanding of your topics of interest. Go to Wikipedia and/or ProCon.org to learn more about these issues.
5. If you are still unsure, then talk to your teachers and peers about topics you want to know more about.

PART 2: *In 3-5 words for each topic, write down the general topics that are your 1st and 2nd choice.*

My FIRST choice:

My SECOND choice:

PART 3: *Refine your first and second choice speech topics.*

FIRST choice: I want to *inform* people about _____ (topic), so I can
persuade and *inspire* them to _____.

1. How is this topic personal, local or immediate? Why does this topic matter to you?

2. How is this topic arguable?

3. How is this topic actionable? Can you do something about it?

SECOND choice: I want to *inform* people about _____ (topic), so I can
persuade and *inspire* them to _____.

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2. How is this topic arguable? Why?

3. How is this topic actionable? Can you do something about it? How?

PART 4: Answer the first set of questions for your first choice and the second set of questions for your second choice.

- i. What is the problem? *(Answer in no more than one sentence)*
 - ii. What is a potential solution to this problem? *(You can think "big" or "small" with this question. You don't need to be totally sure, this is just to help you brainstorm.)*
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