

Thesis Brainstorm

A) Thesis/Claim requirements: _____ & _____

B) Types of Thesis/Claims

TYPE	EXAMPLE	POSSIBLE SENTENCE FRAMES
Option #1:	<i>Global warming is the most pressing problem facing our country today because...</i>	(Topic) is the most significant issue facing us because ... We must care about (topic) because ...
Option #2:	<i>The popularity of SUV's and air travel has caused air pollution to increase.</i>	(Reason #1) and (Reason #2) are the biggest contributors to ... It is clear that (topic) is a major issue because of ...
Option #3:	<i>Instead of drilling for oil in Alaska we should be focusing on ways to reduce oil consumption, such as investing in renewable energy sources.</i>	The best way to solve the issue of (topic) is to ... because ... We must take action by (solution) to address the issue of (topic).

C) Which type of thesis/claim is most appropriate for your topic? _____

D) Draft your thesis below, using one of the sentence frames if you want to.

Speech Outline

Part 1: "The Problem"

- ☐ Hook
- ☐ Context/Explanation of Problem
- ☐ Thesis



Part 2: "The Arguments"

- ☐ Main arguments
- ☐ Different appeals
(ethical, logical, emotional)
- ☐ Counter-argument



Part 3: "The Solution/Call to action"

- ☐ Solution/Call to action
- ☐ END STRONG!

PART 1: "The Problem"

Thesis: _____

PART 2: "The Argument"

Option #1: What are the 2-3 specific reasons that your issue is incredibly important and significant?

Option #2: What are the 2-3 causes of the problem/issue you are talking about?

Option #3: Design your own argument structure

Argument #1: _____

How can you use one of the rhetorical devices to support this argument?

Argument #2: _____

Evidence you need/will use to support this argument:

Argument #3: _____

How would you use a counterargument here?

PART 3: "The Solution/Call to Action"

What is your solution/what do you want people to do about it?

