

Persuasive Speech Instructions

Criteria

- 1- Must use the computer for visuals. You may also include other types of visuals if you wish.
- 2- Use a minimum of three sources besides yourself.
- 3- The sources should be included in the outline, in the works cited page and cited orally as you present your speech.
- 4- Works Cited or Bibliography should be in MLA format. (Deduction of 5 points if not included)
- 5- Must be a topic that is beneficial for individuals on some level.
- 6- Must be legal and ethical.

Topic Ideas

Broad Categories From Which to Choose

Improving one's Health (nutrition, exercise, sleep, emotional well-being)
Learning about, managing finances (avoiding debt, spending wisely, investing)
Improving interpersonal relationships
Improving communication
Adopting a principle of success (optimism, negotiating, honesty)
Adopting a principle of happiness (gratitude, laughing, smiling, serving)
Reading a specific book
Buying a specific product
Learning about a new invention
Volunteering for a specific agency
Traveling to a specific place
Learning about a specific person
Learning about a specific time/event in history

Examples of Specific Persuasive Topics

Don't drink soda
Don't consume high fructose corn syrup
Carb-cycle to lose weight
High intensity interval training to burn fat
Forgive to be happy
Learn how to use 'I statements'
Learn how to see another's perspective
Buy a Bianchi bicycle
Don't text and drive
Learn about stocks
Invest in a Roth IRA
Start saving now
Seek first to understand (7 Habits of High Effective People)
Do an internship in your field
Learn how to start a conversation

