

# My Persuasive Speech

## **Purpose of Speech:**

The purpose is to present information about a topic and take a stance in a very clear and concise manner. You are attempting to persuade your audience, so ensure that you present strong arguments. You will need to provide interesting, useful, and unique information for your audience. Your speech must also be interesting. Lastly, you must provide at least **four** sources of information in your essay/speech.

## **What topic will I be speaking about?**

If you are speaking about an object, what object can you really describe? Is your topic interesting? Do you know enough about it, and care enough about it to take the time to write and deliver an interesting speech?

If you are speaking about a process, are you speaking about a process that has enough steps? Do you know enough about the process that you can explain all of the steps and details of the process? Do you care enough about the process to take the time to write and deliver an interesting speech?

TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Thesis Statement:**

A thesis statement is a one sentence summary of your topic. It is used to focus your attention and keep you on track. For example, in a persuasive speech about year round schooling, a thesis statement may be, "Year round schooling is not beneficial for students because it would create unnecessary stress, negativity toward school, and limited vacation opportunities."

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## **Writing the Speech:**

Your essay will consist of three main parts, the introduction, body, and the conclusion.

- Be interesting.
- The easiest way to be successful with this essay is to have lots of topic sentences and detail sentences. Don't go into this thinking that you can just make stuff up as you go along.
- The introduction tells the broad ideas of your speech. You do not need to detail everything. You additionally build your ethos.
- Remember, that you must inform the audience about what the opposing side would say.
- The conclusion summarizes what you spoke about and it must restate your thesis.