

Informative Speech

My scheduled speaking day is _____

Topics are due on _____

For this assignment, you will prepare a 6-8 minute speech with the specific purpose of helping your audience understand an idea, situation, or concept.

This speech is worth 100pts.

You should meet the following criteria:

*You must hand in a typed outline of your speech on the day you speak and you must note on your outline where you will say your oral foot notes.

*You must use a minimum of three basic sources that are trustworthy and reliable sources.

Basic sources include:

Books
Periodicals (non-fiction magazines & scholarly journals)
Databases
Newspapers
CD-ROMS (not encyclopedias)

*You may use additional trustworthy and reliable supplemental sources if you like.

Supplemental sources include:

First hand interviews
Pamphlets
Websites
Fiction novels
Newsletters
Reference books (dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias)

*You must turn in a bibliography page listing these sources in correct MLA format on the day you speak.

*You must use AT LEAST THREE oral footnotes during your speech.

Oral footnotes include:

1. title of source
2. author's name (if no author, you MUST tell your audience no author was listed.)
3. date of the source
4. type of text (on-line article, magazine, newspaper, etc.)

For example you could say, "According to Bill Smith in the article entitled *How to Work with Your Dentist* from the database Academic Search Complete written in 2009, it states that..."

*You must use at least one form of audiovisual aid (not including the white board).

*You may use no more than three note cards.

*You must conform to the time limit of 6-8 minutes; points will be deducted for speeches which are too long or too short.

*READING YOUR SPEECH will lower your grade by at LEAST two letter grades.

Outline

Use the worksheet below to help you develop an outline in the proper format for your speech. For the informative and persuasive speeches, you MUST mark on the outline where you plan to state your oral footnotes.

(title of your speech)

General Purpose: _____

Specific Purpose: _____

Central Idea:

I. Introduction

A. (How will you get the audience's attention?) _____

B. (Give a reason to listen or preview of your speech) _____

II. Body

A. (First main point) _____

1. _____

2. _____

B. (Second main point) _____

1. _____

2. _____

C. (Third main point) _____

1. _____

2. _____

III. Conclusion

A. (Summarize the main points of your speech) _____

B. (Final quote or thought of the audience to remember-clincher statement)

Bibliography

For a speech, it is OK to put your bibliography at the bottom of your outline. You must have three sources, and they must be in MLA format. This will only be done for the informative and persuasive speeches.

Jane Doe
Informative speech
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5th hour

Breathing Isn't Always Easy

- General Purpose:** To inform
Specific Purpose: To inform the audience about some general information about Asthma.
Central Idea: Although asthma is a common illness effecting adults and children alike, it can be deadly if not treated properly.

I. Introduction

- A. Get audience's attention: describe incident of asthmatic
- B. Reason to listen: You or someone close to you could get asthma.

***Mention USA Today**

II. Body

- A. Definition
- B. Symptoms
 - 1. Wheezing
 - 2. Tightness in chest
 - 3. Hacking cough
 - 4. Shortness of breath
- C. Causes in U.S.
 - 1. Viruses ***Mention Millus article**
 - 2. Air pollution
- D. Treatment
 - 1. Allergy shots ***Mention Seligmann article**
 - 2. Inhalers
 - 3. Pills

III. Conclusion

- A. Fear
- B. Future

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Name:

Class Hour:

Topic Approval Form

Topic _____

General Purpose: To inform (*This is it! You do NOT need to write anything else!*)

Specific Purpose: _____

Central Idea: _____

Audience Analysis Question: (What question do you want me to read to the class?)

___ A Lot

___ Some

___ A little

___ Not much

___ Nothing

___ *topic approved*

___ *see me*