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Persuasive Speeches

You will be giving a 5 to 7 minute speech in which you need to persuade your audience to agree with your opinion.

In a persuasive speech, it's important to have an introduction that states the position of the speech clearly; this is followed by at least three pieces of evidence to support the position.

Choose a topic about which you have a strong opinion. Use the provided links to find factual information about your subject. While it is important to appeal to emotions, the most persuasive arguments are supported by facts and logic. Make sure you use reliable information to support your statements and evidence.

A few things you should keep in mind as you research your topic:

1. Choose a topic in which you are interested.
2. Know your audience - what will persuade a fifteen year old may not persuade an adult.
3. Know both sides of the argument - be able to counter issues your audience may have with your topic.
4. Have a broad knowledge of your topic.

Research Links

[Michigan E Library \(MeL\)](#) - click on the link for teens to get a smaller list of database best for student research.

[ProCon.org](#) - provides information about both sides of controversial issues.

[Mattawan HS Destiny](#) -

[Pew Research Center](#) - "The Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan "fact tank" that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world. It does not take positions on policy issues"

[Government Health Resources](#)

[USA.gov](#)

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Bibliographic Citation Information

[OWL at Purdue](#) - link to information for creating correct MLA citations for your assignments.