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Resources to improve the quality of your research and enhance the understanding of what is needed to create a fabulous speech.

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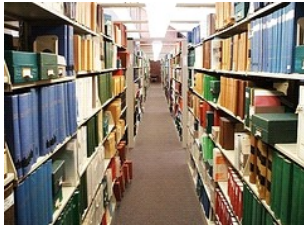


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In the Mahoney Library these books are located on the 2nd Floor at the top of the stairs, on the first set of shelves. You can check these books out. If you're at Doyle, these are located on the 2nd floor, in the Reference collection, thought they're for use in the library only.

- [Opposing Viewpoint Books](#)
- [Current Controversies Books](#)
- [Taking Sides Books](#)

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Choosing a Topic




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- Demonstration Speech Help** ☆☆☆☆☆
Here's a good site to browse for ideas for your demonstration speech. While this isn't a great source to quote during your speech, it's full of ideas for topics and main points.
- So You Wanna** ☆☆☆☆☆
Another good source of topic ideas for the demonstration speech. So, you wanna join the Peace Corps? Play Second Life? Groom the dog? Hundreds of fun topic ideas await you
- ProCon.org - Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues** ☆☆☆☆☆
Topic overviews, background, video and pro and con arguments on 30 topics are provided.

Start Here for Topic Ideas...It's Even Better than Wikipedia, Really!




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This list is only a sample of the kinds of books that will help you locate topics for speeches that you'll find in the **Reference** Area of the SRJC Libraries, specifically on the Petaluma campus. These reference books, located on the first floor of the Mahoney Library and the second floor of the Doyle Library provide you with a great **starting place** for learning more about **current event** topics in particular--perfect topics for a speech.

Written by experts these are **solid sources** to add to your research, and the **first place to go** for learning more about your topic. Some are only available in print. Some labeled online books are available for you to read from anywhere provided you know your SRJC ID number and PIN, the same ones you use to register for classes.

Online Encyclopedias on Many Topics from Sage Publishers

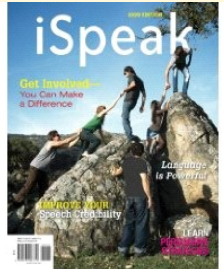
- Gender Society** ☆☆☆☆☆
Call Number: Doyle Ref 2nd Flr, Mahoney Ref 1st Flr AC5 .E35
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- Social Issues in America : An Encyclopedia** ☆☆☆☆☆
Call Number: Mahoney Ref 2nd Flr HN57 .S624 2006
Discusses subjects such as the environment, medicine, defense, media, politics, and the economy, with each entry presenting a chronology of the issue, discussion of historical and contemporary developments, glossary, and bibliography.
- Encyclopedia of Environment and Society** ☆☆☆☆☆
Call Number: Doyle Ref 2nd Flr, Mahoney Ref 1st Flr HM856 .E53 2007
This 5 volume set gives you 1200 articles packed with background data on most environmental issues, intelligently presented in a thoroughly approachable, authoritative, and complete format.

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Discover and Read More About Your Topic: Database Articles



Class Textbook



iSpeak
Call Number: Mahoney Reserve 1st Flr PN4129.15 .N46 2009b PC

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First ask a **Reference Librarian** for assistance.

The SRJC Library has a service called **Interlibrary Loan** that can locate almost any book or article for you for free. Ask a reference librarian to tell you more about this service.

It could be that the **SSU Library** has the book. Your SRJC Student ID acts like a library card there. Follow this link to search the **SSU Library Catalog**.

Quotations




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- [SRJC Books Full of Pithy Quotes](#)

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Read These!

Developed by an independent nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting critical thinking and informed citizenship.

- [Policy Issues from the National Center for Policy Analysis](#) ★★★★★
Draws out statistics from articles, reports and the like, on a number of topics which include health care, taxes, Social Security, welfare, criminal justice, education and environmental regulation from a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research organization.
- [PBS Frontline](#) ★★★★★
Described as thought provoking journalism, this website mimics, and enhances, the tv version. Great for topic ideas.
- [The Why Files | The Science Behind the News](#)
From the National Science Foundation comes interesting topic ideas and information on science and related topics.

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If you're reading this from off campus you'll be asked to supply your SRJC ID number and PIN in order to use these resources --these are the same numbers you use to access your Cubby to register for classes.

Most databases allow you to save articles to a flash drive or email the document. Printing in the Library costs 10 cents per page and requires a Print Card which can be purchased in most of the Library Print Rooms.

- [CQ Researcher](#) ★★★★★
In-depth articles on current and controversial issues. Each article offers a lengthy discussion of the issue, pros and cons, background information, a chronology, future outlook, a bibliography and links to related CQ Weekly stories. Copies are available in print in the Reference Collection at the Mahoney Library.
- [Opposing Viewpoints](#) ★★★★★
Articles which present differing points of view on many controversial topics. Convenient for gathering pro and con arguments on controversial topics. Includes topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, magazine and newspaper articles and links to reliable websites.
- [SIRS Database](#) ★★★★★
Current event topics from Abortion to Zoos are listed as Leading Issues which include a brief topic overview, links to similar issues elsewhere on the globe, essential questions, summaries, timelines, statistics, and in some cases video feeds. Additional help on preparing powerpoint slides and performing research is provided. For the visual learner, topic brainstorming is an interactive format is available.
- [Magazines, Journals & Newspapers: ProQuest](#) ★★★★★
You can search a wide variety of sources from international newspapers to magazines and scholarly journals on many current event topics.
- [General & Scholarly Articles: Expanded Academic ASAP](#) ★★★★★
Information from journals and magazines on many topics.
- [Scholarly Content: JSTOR](#) ★★★★★
Detailed, reliable articles from scholarly sources on many topics.



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