

Persuasive Speech Outline Template

Title of Assignment (should creatively reflect content)

Thesis: Type out your thesis statement – make sure it is arguable.

I. Topic Sentence that connects directly to thesis and is arguable

A. 1st Assertion

1. Proof or evidence (quote)- Quote doesn't need to be integrated in outline but proper in-text citation required
2. Commentary/Explanation (What does this quote show or prove?)
3. Transition sentence or phrase

B. 2nd Assertion

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2. Commentary/Explanation (What does this quote show or prove?)
3. Concluding/ Transition Sentence

II. Topic Sentence that connects directly to thesis and is arguable

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3. Concluding/ Transition Sentence

Notes:

- Continue with the above formatting for all sections. Your outline may vary in length and structure, but if you have an A, you need a B (if you have a 1, you need a 2). Remember, since you will be delivering this speech and never writing it in full paragraph form, you may have longer sections (I., II., etc.)
- The outline should be in complete sentences until we are ready to condense it for the speech
- Type the outline in MLA 9 outline form (12 pt. Times New Roman font, 1” margins, header, double-spaced, name and page number in upper right corner, etc.)
- You are required to use in-text citations for each quote in the outline
- Fully integrate quotes on your outline – as you will speak them.
- Since you will be delivering this speech, you may have first person and be-verbs; however, use them judiciously! Your STYLE SHOULD BE IMPECCABLE! We have been studying style for the first part of the year – this is your chance to create your own strong voice!
- Remember to annotate for your RDs and elements of style! See the persuasive speech guideline sheet if you need a refresher on the requirements!