

Speech
Informative Speech

Objective: To give a speech that informs the audience of an issue

Purpose: To learn how to research a topic

To learn how to organize data into a logical format

To present information to an audience about a particular issue without showing bias

To learn how to use visual aides to enhance a speech

Materials: PowerPoint

Notecards or outline

Method: Students will spend several days brainstorming topics and finding information on those topics. Once students have found a topic that will suit their purposes, they will begin to do some in-depth research. By using the Internet, books, magazines, and possibly interviews, students will gather the information necessary for a 5-7 minute speech. After various lectures, students will also learn how to develop a visual aide and learn the necessary “rules” for presenting an unbiased speech.

Requirements: Students will use the time given in the library to do research. They must turn in a typed sheet stating AT LEAST THREE sources from which they gathered information. They also must make a PowerPoint presentation with 10 slides. In a 5-7 minute speech, students will share the information they have gathered in an unbiased manner. Students must turn in the following when they give their speeches: typed formal outline, parent practice sheet, visual aide, notes they took while researching their topics, and a bibliography page citing their sources.

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Bias: A temperamental or emotional leaning to one side. A prejudice in opinion or judgment.

Unbiased: To have no obvious leaning to one side. Having no prejudice in opinion or judgment.

Presenting an unbiased speech can be difficult. You need to make sure to present BOTH sides of an argument (the good and the bad). You are NOT trying to convince anyone of anything. You are merely informing them about something. Be careful!