

Research and Speech Project

Procedure:

1. Choose a topic to research.
2. Make sure your topic is researchable and arguable. (Remember that your claim must be supported with researched fact rather than opinion or emotion.)
3. Find a minimum of **3 different reliable sources** to get information.
4. Takes notes in Google Docs. Paraphrase or quote when appropriate and be sure to record which information comes from each source. **Plagiarism of any kind will NOT be tolerated.**
5. Organize your notes into an outline.
6. Cite your sources in the "sources" column when specific information is not common knowledge.
7. Create a Works Cited page for sources used.
- 8. Practice your speech using your outline or notecards.**
9. Create a Google presentation visual aid.
10. Deliver a 2-4 minute speech to the class.

Important Due Dates

_____	Claim Selected: Feb. 6
_____	Notes Printed: Feb. 12
_____	Paraphrasing: Feb. 18
_____	Outline: Feb. 20
_____	Works Cited: Feb. 20
_____	Visual Aid (Google presentation): Feb. 20
_____	Note Cards: Feb. 23
_____	Speech Presentations: Feb. 23 - 27



****Use the JMS LibGuide to help you through the process:***

- Go to the JMS home page
- Under the **Academics** tab
- Click on **Classroom Pages**
- Click on your teacher's name
- Links to the LibGuide and Topics Document are on your teacher's page.

Hints along the way:

Argumentation Claim:

- Must be researchable
- Must be supported by two to three solid reasons
- Information generated must fill the equivalent of a 5-paragraph essay
- Must acknowledge a counter claim in the introduction

Notes and paraphrasing:

- Copy the URL at the beginning of each set of notes. If it is a source on the school website, copy the entire citation.
- Bullet your paraphrased notes under the source URL or citation.
- At least 3 notes for each reason/subtopic (should include more to be safe)
- Paraphrasing
 - In your own words
 - Only use words you understand
 - Quote if it's something you CANNOT change

MLA Works Cited page:

- Follow the Google Docs directions found in the LibGuide
- Some sources come with their own citations; you will copy and paste these into your document, but make sure to alphabetize and format them correctly.
- Allow Google Docs EasyBib Bibliography Maker to title your page "Works Cited". Do not change the title or the format.
- Use Bibme if Easy Bib doesn't bring up your source.
- MUST include publisher.
- Make sure indenting is correct and your sources are **alphabetized**.

Outline:

- Final must include a full introduction and conclusion
- Evidence and elaboration should NOT be complete sentences
- Include transitions (i.e. Another reason – Furthermore – Although...)
- Be sure to cite sources if information is NOT common knowledge.

Visual Aid: (No need to turn this in; it's part of your speech grade.)

- NO complete sentences; minimal amount of words
- Visual ideas: charts, graphs, images
- Follow the order of your speech
- Don't read off your visual
- Spell and capitalize correctly!

Speech:

- Practice, practice, practice!
- Don't memorize word for word
- Have note cards ready but no complete sentences (unless direct quotes)
- Relax! You can do this!

Computer Lab Time:

- You will be in a computer lab from February 9th-19th
- If you need more time in the lab, the ASK lab is open every morning from 7:45-8:25, and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:10-4:30.
- **You can also access all of your work from home through AHapps (google).**