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**Persuasive Speech Assignment**

Now that you have learned about the persuasive appeals and some rhetorical strategies and fallacies, you will write a persuasive speech.

Review the steps you have to go through in order to write an effective persuasive speech:

1. Choose a topic: Your topic should be something that both you and your audience will have a strong opinion on. If you have no opinion, you can’t argue about it. (Note: You should not try to argue both sides.)
2. Understand your prior knowledge and beliefs: What do you already know about the topic? What is your belief based on what you already know? What do you still need to know?
3. Learn about your topic: It is important to know as much as you can about the topic you'll be speaking on. If you aren't already well-versed in the subject then you will need to do some research and learn as much as you can.
4. Strengthen your claim (argument): Perhaps you have gathered enough evidence to make your opinion even stronger. Or, perhaps your research has actually changed your opinion. Either way, decide on your argument and make it strong.
5. Gather your evidence and create an outline: Outline and rough draft your speech. Make sure you include persuasive appeals. Get a peer to read your outline and give you some feedback.
6. Write your final draft: As with any piece of writing, after revision, write your final draft neatly in blue/black ink.

TOPICS:

Your topic will need to be a social issue of some sort (something that affects your community or the world at large). You may pick from the following list or come up with your own.

My topic is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Issues: Local Community Issues: Global Issues:

School Uniforms Poverty Gay Marriage

Length of School Day Violence Capital Punishment

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