
Selecting a Topic for the Extension Task

Topic: _____

You have selected a topic on which to conduct research. You will be working towards an argumentative speech that advances a position. You will conduct research, develop a claim, and support that claim with evidence. Additionally, your speech will contain rhetorical strategies we have studied throughout the unit. Before you can begin, you must narrow your topic and define some questions that you hope to answer through your research. This will help guide you in writing your speech.

Complete the following handout to help you brainstorm about your topic.

1. In your own words define or explain your topic.
2. What is your current position about your topic? Why do you believe this?
3. Generate at least three questions that you plan to answer through your research.