**Speech Proposal**

Developing your topic is crucial. It will be hard to write a great speech on a topic that is vague, trite, or half-baked. The proposal and workshop process should help you shape and sharpen your topic and give you a solid foundation on which to build.

**Your proposal should:**

* Be typed
* Be double spaced
* Include the main topic
* Include the ANGLE you are taking on that topic
* Include the main thrust of your argument
* Include possible research angles
* Identify an opposing viewpoint

**Example:**

My speech will be on rescue animals. Specifically, I will try to convince my audience that going to a breeder for a dog is bad. I will use research on rescue animal organizations, overbreeding and lax regulations for breeders to support my point. Some will argue that going to a breeder still gives a dog a home, and a breeder a job, but the harm far outweighs the good.

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Notice that I chose a broad topic, narrowed it into a specific argument – I’m trying to convince the audience to believe or do something. Then, I listed a few ways I could use research. Finally, I acknowledged another point of view.

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