

Informative Outline

1. **Introduction** (this should pull people in, introduce a topic, and preview the points of the speech itself)

- _____ Hook: two or three sentences that make the audience want to hear more
- _____ Link: one sentence that connects the hook to the topic of your speech
- _____ Thesis: one sentence that says what this speech is all about
- _____ Preview: one sentence that previews the three big points of your speech

2. **Paragraph 1** (pick a category: science, history, culture, etc.; or the pros/cons of something)

- _____ Topic Sentence: one sentence that introduces the topic of this first paragraph
- _____ First fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further
- _____ Second fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further
- _____ Third fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further

3. **Paragraph 2** (pick a category: science, history, culture, etc.; or the the pros/cons of something)

- _____ Topic Sentence: one sentence that introduces the topic of this first paragraph
- _____ First fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further
- _____ Second fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further
- _____ Third fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further

4. **Paragraph 3** (impact point: this should answer the "so what?" question, or why is this topic important)

- _____ Topic Sentence: one sentence that introduces the topic of this first paragraph
- _____ First fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further
- _____ Second fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further
- _____ Third fact: one or two sentences that cites research one something most people don't know
- _____ Explanation: one sentence that talks about this amazing fact, or extends it further

5. **Conclusion** (this should "book-end" the speech by reviewing the points, restating thesis, and closing out)

- _____ Return to hook: one or two sentences that return to the way you started the speech
- _____ Review: one sentence that reviews the three big points of your speech
- _____ Restate: one sentence that returns to your thesis statement from the introduction
- _____ Closer: one sentence that leaves the audience with something to think about

6. **Important Elements**

- _____ Research: your speech should have 10-15 citations, or two to three citations per paragraph
- _____ Wow-factor: your speech must contain information the average person has no idea about--wow!
- _____ Heart: your speech should have a "heart" moment where we see why this topic matters to people
- _____ Humor: your speech should be as entertaining or light-hearted as it is informative or serious