Name: Topic: Date Due:

### **Sophomore Investigative Speech Report**

Goal: Investigate a current injustice (action or law) or social issue that affects people in America today.

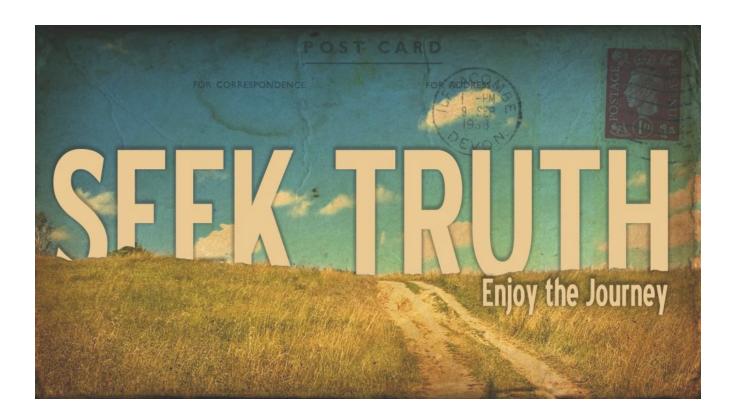
You will organize information in written form (an extended outline-paper hybrid), and then speak to the class with the goals to: Discuss background of the issue and increase awareness, explain why it is considered unjust, and offer a possible solution (that has been proposed by others already or that you came up with because you are awesome!)

#### Steps:

- 1. Narrow down and select a topic. Conference with Ms. Miller for guidance.
- 2. Create a speech goal: Exactly what information do you want your audience to learn?
- 3. Create a basic outline that follows the provided model.
- 4. Explore credible resources from the internet and media center. Take notes on things that seem interesting or relevant, even if you don't use them later. Write down your sources!
- 5. Complete your paper-outline with the best information from <u>at least three credible sources</u>. Make sure you include <u>an MLA style works cited</u> at the end of your outline.
- 6. Create a visual aid in the form of an infographic poster or document that can be projected onto the board. This will showcase your key findings (stats, figures, etc.) This should be an *aid*, not a dominant factor in your presentation.
- 7. Consider speech delivery. How will you transition between topics and use good speaking skills? You may use up to 5 note-cards for cues.
- 8. Practice! As long as you are familiar with your information, you will be fine! :)

#### Other Information:

- Work days will be provided in class. You MUST show evidence that you are working and progressing each day.
- If you are not sure of something, please ASK! Ignorance is unacceptable!
- Your outline must be printed and handed to me before you speak. Your graphic should be e-mailed or shared. Failure to have these documents prepared will result in a deduction of points.
- Read these steps and guidelines thoroughly and more than once! Check off or highlight when done!



# Brainstorming

| Topic      | Random Ideas & Notes |
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### **Investigative Report Speaking Outline**

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#### 1. Introduction

- a. Attention Getter: Grab the audience's attention with something like an interesting fact, quotation, or story.
- b. Reason to Listen: Explain why your audience should care about your topic.
- c. Thesis Statement: In 1-3 sentences, explain your overall purpose and goal for the speech.
- d. Preview of Main Points: Summarize the main points you will be talking about today. It is also a good idea to add this like a "Table of Contents" into your Powerpoint.
- 2 Transition

#### 3. Background information regarding the issue - aim to increase awareness

- a. Supporting Information (Facts, charts, quotations, relevant stories, general information people should know, etc.) Remember the importance of ethos/pathos/logos.
- b. Supporting Information
- c. Supporting Information
- d. You can continue with as many subtopics as desired or required.
- Transition

#### 5. Reasoning and examples for why you believe this is an issue/why it is considered unjust

- a. Supporting Information
- b. Supporting Information
- c. Supporting Information
- 6. Transition

#### 7. How can we solve this problem?

- a. Supporting Information
- b. Supporting Information
- c. Supporting Information

#### 8. Conclusion

- a. Review Main Points
- b. Restate thesis
- c. Closing statement

#### Works Cited

MLA style works cited goes here after your outline. Check out my big list of credible resources for ideas on my Clearview website. You may cite books, websites, articles, blogs, videos, documentaries, speeches, etc.

Lucas, Ryan. "Michael Cohen To Testify Publicly Before Congress On Alleged Trump Lawbreaking." NPR.Org,

https://www.npr.org/2019/02/27/696752450/michael-cohen-to-testify-publicly-before-congress-on-alleged-trump-lawbreaking. Accessed 27 Feb. 2019.

## Rubric - Keep this handy and give this to me when you speak!

| Introduction5 Captures audience attention5 Provides a clear preview and road map  |
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| Body5 Key ideas are clearly explained and supported5 The ideas presented are relevant and interesting in relation to the overall topic  |
| Ethos/pathos/logos5 Ethos - you establish goodwill and trust5 Logos - you use credible facts and evidence5 Pathos - you acknowledge the emotional impact of your issue                    |
| Conclusion5 Memorable, creative conclusion. Reviews major points.   |
| Organization5 Ideas are easy to keep track of and make logical sense5 Ideas follow the roadmap set forth at the beginning5 Transitions and summaries between major points for a good flow |
| Delivery5 Eye contact, faces audience5 Confident posture without nervous mannerisms5 Expressive and conversational speaking style5 Uses appropriate vocabulary and clear, concise wording |
| Visual Aids5 Idea is communicated visually to enhance or aid the message, not dominate it5 Speaker times aids appropriately5 Good quality visuals show effort and are easy to follow      |
| Outline or Paper Plan10 Typed and formatted correctly with varied, credible notes5 At least 3 sources included correctly5 MLA style heading and works cited are correct                   |
| 110 Total Points  |
| Comments:   |