



PROBLEM-SOLUTION SPEECH TEMPLATE

Title:

Topic:

General Purpose: “To Inform”, “To Persuade”, “To Entertain”, etc ... as assigned

Specific Purpose: A single statement that combines your general purpose, your audience, and your intended outcome (the outcome or behavior you want your audience to experience or adopt after hearing your speech).

Thesis: A single, concise sentence summarizing and/or previewing what you will be talking about during your speech.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Attention-getter:
- B. Credibility material:
- C. Relevance to audience:
- D. Thesis and preview of main points:

Transition from introduction to body: (Transitions should be typed in italics).

II. BODY

- A. Body main point I (**Problem**)
  - 1. First sub point
  - 2. Second sub point

Transition from first main point (problem) to second main point (cause):

- B. Body main point II (**Cause**)
  - 1. First sub point
  - 2. Second sub point

Transition from second main point (cause) to third main point (solution):



C. Body main point III (**Solution**)

1. First sub point
2. Second sub point

Transition from body to conclusion:

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Thesis and summary of main points:
- B. Audience response statement:
- C. Wow statement:



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- Include all author's names
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