

Informative Speaking: Reporting the News

Background

For your informative speech you will research and present information on a current event. For this project, we will say that a “current event” is something that happened **within the past year**. You must make it clear how the event is impacting some part of the world. One easy place to find ideas is at online news sites such as foxnews.com, msnbc.com, or nwtimes.com for ideas. Your current event could be local, national, or international.

We will spend part of two class periods in the library conducting research. You are required to have **at least three resources**, which will be documented on a Works Cited page. The resources can come from electronic databases such as Inspire or InfoTrac. **Only one source may be a general website.** However, don’t forget to look in the newspaper files for articles and recent books to also provide information for your speech.

In the end, you are a reporter reporting on the news of the day, month, or the past year. We will be taping the speeches for review of what works in public speaking. 😊

Library Research Days: _____

Citing Sources in the Speech

When you present your speech, you must make reference to the sources you use. For instance, if you are mentioning facts from a book entitled *Playing Simon Says* by Jake Smith, you would need to mention this in your speech. Two examples would be:

According to Jake Smith in his book, *Playing Simon Says*,

In *Playing Simon Says*, Jake Smith mentions that

Speech Delivery

When you deliver your speech, assume that we know nothing about the topic. It is your goal to inform us of your current event. Your topic may not be immediately appealing to everyone, so your goal is to make it as interesting as possible, without being sensational.

Grading Requirements

See the rubric for what I will be looking at during your speech.

Time Penalties

0:01-1:00	15%
1:01-2:00	10%
2:01-2:59	5%
3:00-5:00	NO PENALTY
5:01-6:00	5%
6:01-7:00	10%
7:01-∞	15%

Proposal Due: _____

Notes Sheets Due: _____

Outline Drafting Day: _____

Due Date for Outlines: _____

Remember that you can have a copy of the outline with you as you speak, but it cannot be the same copy that you turn in to me! Be sure the type is large enough for you to easily read it!