



Project Checklist

Researching and Presenting

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to learn or review basic research methods and present a well-organized, well-researched speech on any topic.

Overview: Select a topic that you are not already familiar with or that you wish to learn more about. Be sure your topic is narrow enough to be an effective 5- to 7-minute speech. Research the topic and begin organizing the information, as described in this project. Practice your speech and continue to refine its organization. Present your speech at a club meeting.

Your speech can be persuasive, humorous, informational, or crafted in any style that appeals to you and supports your speech content.

This project includes:

- ▶ Researching a topic
- ▶ The Research Worksheet
- ▶ The Speech Outline Worksheet
- ▶ A 5- to 7-minute speech

The following list includes tasks for this project. Please remember, your project is unique to you. You can use the checklist here or complete the digital version in your project on Base Camp.

Select a topic for your speech that you are not already familiar with or that you wish to learn more about. Make sure it is narrow enough to cover in your speaking time. For example, the topic of “dogs” is so broad that a 5- to 7-minute speech would appear shallow. Narrowing your topic to “young Golden Retrievers” allows you to develop a speech that reflects thoughtful research.

Research your topic by locating multiple generally reliable sources.

Schedule your speech with the Vice President Education.

Write your speech.

Prepare a list of sources to share with audience members.

Rehearse your speech.

When all components of your assignment are finished, complete your self-reflection by adding what you have learned to the last column of the Know-Wonder-Learned activity.

