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**Persuasive Speech: Topic Submission Form**

**Convincing class members to take action**

Brainstorm possible ideas for topics that interest you and can be made relevant to your audience. Do some initial research on your topic BEFORE submitting a topic for approval to make sure you can obtain adequate material from credible sources to develop and support your speech. Narrow your topic as much as possible since a narrow topic will be less likely to be duplicated and is easier to develop fully with material which goes beyond our current knowledge of the topic.

**My Proposed Topic**: Nuclear Energy as alternative \ addition to fossil fuel based energy

(Once your topic has is reported and approved, no changed will be permitted except in the case of duplicate topic so devote serious thought to your topic selection)

**This is a persuasive speech focusing on a problem or need and offering a solution, which includes an action each audience member can take at the end of this speech, to that problem or need. (Eg. A pamphlet, a website we can visit, a Facebook page we can join, a place to donate, etc. The easier we can take action, the better).** Explain/justify how your topic focuses on a current problem or need- and briefly explain solutions that are possible. (Discussion of the problem/ need and the solution should be equally balanced in your speech). Topics can relate to any field- education, business, technology, medicine, environment, government, music, culture, entertainment etc, but must be timely.

**Explain how you can connect/relate this topic personally to the audience to keep them motivated to listen.**

Energy is something that we all must use for everyday life. To keep lights on, to power our machines and computes we use to work on, and just to enjoy the small things in life. Whether you wish to find alternatives to fossil fuels to decrease emissions, increase efficiency, or find a way to tackle the ever-increasing demand for energy in the United States, nuclear energy has potential to be that contender given its track record.

If you wish to get more active in promoting Nuclear Energy the Nuclear Energy Institute does talks and promotion events to spread how Nuclear Energy could be worth looking into as a power source. They also give some good ways to help them in their advocacy, look under the take action tab in their advocacy tab for more specific advice.

[**https://www.nei.org/home**](https://www.nei.org/home)

[**https://www.nei.org/take-action**](https://www.nei.org/take-action)

**On the back of this page, list a minimum of 3 sources you have found for your speech. For each source, briefly explain the type of source (book, magazine/journal article, website, interview, etc.) and a sentence about why each is a credible source. (Avoid just listing websites- explain the credentials behind the website). Encyclopedias (including Wikipedia) and dictionaries do not count toward the required 6 sources. Use the back of this form if more space is required.**

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