

COMM 2025 - Informative Speech Topic Selection Report

Enter your answers in the fillable fields below. Your responses will help you develop your informative speech on a culture outside the United States. Once you are finished, save and submit the file to the Informative Speech Topic Selection Report folder in Dropbox.

1. What culture will be the focus of your informative speech?
2. Reflect on your decision on this topic. Why did you choose this culture? What interests you about it?
3. Reflect and consider your audience. Who is the intended audience? What do you think will interest your audience about this speech?
4. List at least three aspects of communication in the culture you selected that will be explained in this informative speech.

Completed example: Informative Speech on Mongolian Culture

1. What culture will be the focus of your informative speech?

The focus of my informative speech will be on Mongolian culture.

2. Reflect on your decision on this topic. Why did you choose this culture? What interests you about it?

I chose Mongolian culture because it is often overlooked in discussions about global cultures, yet it has a rich history and unique traditions. I find the nomadic lifestyle fascinating, especially how it influences Mongolian values, communication styles, and daily life. Additionally, Mongolia's blend of ancient traditions and modern influences makes it a compelling culture to explore.

3. Reflect and consider your audience. Who is the intended audience? What do you think will interest your audience about this speech?

The intended audience is my classmates, who may not be familiar with Mongolian culture. I believe they will be interested in learning about Mongolia's strong oral storytelling traditions, the importance of hospitality in communication, and the role of nonverbal cues in a culture with vast open spaces and limited direct human interaction. The contrast between Mongolian traditions and their own cultural norms should make the topic engaging.

4. List at least three aspects of communication in the culture that will be explained in this informative speech.

- Oral storytelling and the role of legends – Mongolians have a deep-rooted tradition of passing down history and values through spoken word rather than written texts.
- Hospitality and respect in communication – Mongolians prioritize politeness, especially when welcoming guests, using indirect language to show respect.
- Nonverbal communication and spatial awareness – Since many Mongolians live in open landscapes, they rely on nonverbal cues such as gestures and body language, and they also have unique cultural norms regarding personal space.