Communication Subject Guide

Welcome

You need evidence! We have evidence! This site contains everything you need to successfully complete the research for your speech.

But remember, if at any point you're not sure what to do or where to go next, you can always ask a librarian. Whether you IM, call, email, or visit in person, we're here to help you!

Today I’m Going to Talk About….

As you begin to think about your speech topic, you will likely find yourself modifying it as you gather information.

We recommend that you not wait until the last minute. Give yourself time to search on your own, ask a librarian for guidance, and go back to your instructor if you need help refining your topic.

If you are searching and can't find the data you need, it is possible that data doesn't exist. Be prepared to be flexible and be ready to tweak your topic to address data that does exist. Remember that there are librarians available to assist you in your search.

Articles and Databases

Using Search It

You can use Search It, our discovery tool, to locate books, articles, music, movies, e-books and more. The tool returns results that can be refined by:

- scholarly journals
- peer-reviewed journals
- full text resources
- topic
- creation date

To use Search It, access the Library homepage. The search bar available can be used to search the library’s catalog.

Popular and Scholarly Articles
**Academic Search Premier**
A good place to start searching for almost any topic.

**ProQuest Research Library**
ProQuest is great for finding popular articles and scholarly articles on almost any topic.

**ABI/INFORM**
Covers more than 3,000 scholarly, trade, and general publications as well as regional and national newspapers.

**Academic OneFile**
This is a good starting place for finding journal articles on almost any topic. Full-text and/or scanned pdfs are included for many of the articles it indexes.

**Expanded Academic ASAP**
This is a good starting place for finding journal articles on almost any topic. Full-text and/or scanned pdfs are included for many of the articles it indexes.

**Health Reference Center Academic**
Includes a medical dictionary; medical directories and reference books; consumer-oriented and professional health periodicals; and pamphlets issued by health organizations.

**CQ Researcher**
CQ Researcher covers a wide range of social, economic, political, environmental and health issues of the day.

**LexisNexis Academic**
Provides online access to the full-text of documents from over 5,600 news, business, legal, medical, and reference publications.

**Business and Company Resource Center**
Company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, chronologies and periodicals.

**Health and Wellness Resource Center**

Health and medical information for lay research from periodicals, reference books, and pamphlet sources.

**Applied Science and Technology**

Offers information on technical and industrial aspects of chemistry since 1983.

**Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology**

Articles cover chemical substances, industrial processes, uses, fundamentals, chemical engineering processes, foods, pharmaceuticals, dyes, and fibers.

**Knovel**

Chemistry and biochemistry reference books.

**Web of Science**

Web of Science is composed of the three ISI Citation Databases, which collectively index more than 8,400 high quality, peer-review journals.

**ABELL (Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature)**

The Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature covers all aspects and periods of English and American literature.

**American Periodical Series**

Over 1,500 periodicals published in America between 1741 and 1941, covering specialized, literary, and general topics.

**Early English Books Online**
Contains images of works printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and British North America from 1473-1700.

**JSTOR**

Electronic full-text of over 550 core journals in disciplines ranging from history to business to literature to science and mathematics.

**Literary Manuscripts**

This collection houses the intimate papers and writings of some of the Victorian period's finest thinkers and artists, including: The Brontes, Joseph Conrad, John Ruskin, and Henry James.

**Literature Online**

Users have access to the full text of more than 350,000 works of poetry, drama and prose in English from the 8th century to the present.

**Literature Resource Center**

Literature Resource Center provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline.

**MLA International Bibliography**

This is the largest and most comprehensive database for literary criticism in all languages.

**The Shakespeare Collection**

Brings together general reference data, full-text scholarly periodicals, reprinted criticism, primary source material, and the complete annotated Arden Shakespeare works.

**Twentieth Century North American Drama**

Full text of 2,000 plays with search mechanisms that allow one to search by historical and social context, national heritage, gender, religion, literary movement and more.

**American History in Video**
Sources include newsreels, government and commercial films, and significant documentaries.

**Film Literature Index**
Indexes 150 film and television periodicals from 30 countries cover-to-cover and 200 other periodicals selectively for articles on film and television.

**Theater in Video**
Notable, ground-breaking productions of more than 250 of the world’s most important plays, together with more than 100 video documentaries.

**American Film Scripts**
Contains 1,009 scripts by 1,062 writers together with detailed, fielded information on the scenes, characters and people related to the scripts.

**Encyclopedia of International Media and Communications**
Exhaustively explores the ways that editorial content—from journalism and scholarship to films and infomercials—is developed, presented, stored, analyzed, and regulated around the world.

**Project MUSE**
Full-text database of over 300 scholarly journals in the humanities, arts and social sciences.

**IEEE Electronic Library Online**
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE).

**Compendex**
Contains over 8 million references and abstracts taken from over 5,000 engineering journals, conferences and technical reports dating back to 1969.

**Get It** is a service that checks to see if we have access to the full text of the article you are looking for.

The button helps you access the full text of articles.
When the **Get It** button (or the text "Get It at K-State") shows up next to an article you want, click on it. If we have access to the full text you will see a linked tab that says "View It." Just follow the trail to get to the article.

**How to Find Full Text**

Find a citation or abstract? Try searching [E-Journals](#) to see if it may be available in full-text format in another database.

Plug in as much of the information as you have, and the Citation Linker will search through our journals and databases to find the full text.

Still can't find it? Send all of the citation information information in this **short form** and the library will try to find it through Interlibrary Loan.

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**Evaluating Sources**

It is not always easy to determine if information is credible, especially on the Internet. However, using the guidelines below will help you in making that evaluation.

**Questions to Ask**

Who is the author of this page?
What are their credentials?
What institution are they affiliated with?
Does the page conveniently display this information?
What is the purpose of this page?
Does the author state the goals for this site?
Does this page inform, educate, persuade or act as a soap box?
If the author is affiliated with an institution (government, university, business, organization, etc), does this affiliation bias the information presented?
A sloppy page (bad grammar, misspelling) indicates hastiness.
It's always a good idea to cross-reference information no matter where you find it.
Do graphics add or subtract from the content?
Is the information complete or fragmented?
When was this page created?
Is there a revision/creation date?
Do the links work?
Is the page maintained and new material added?