

Sample outline for Persuasive Speech follows: pdf

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Handguns

Thesis statement: The use of handguns should not be limited to law enforcement officials.

I. Introduction

- A. Attention-getting device (examples, facts, or statistics)
- B. Central idea or thesis statement
- C. Summary of main points and transition into body of speech
 - 1. First main point
 - 2. Second main point
 - 3. Third main point

II. First main point

- A. Support
- B. Support
- C. Support

III. Second main point

- A. Support
- B. Support
- C. Support

IV. Third main point

- A. Support
- B. Support
- C. Support and transition into conclusion

V. Conclusion

- A. Restatement of main points as evidence of thesis
- B. Restatement of thesis (better to use different words)
- C. Request for action or good clincher

Speech

Note: Your teacher may require some variation of this outline . . .

Ideas:

1. Some may want more transitions between points;
2. Some may wish for summary of main points to come *before* thesis sentence;
3. Some topics may lend themselves to order of importance -- least to most important or most to least important;

4. Some teachers may require noun topics only;
5. Some may require a certain number of quotes from sources;
6. No complete sentences and no more than 4 or 5 words per category;
7. Your teacher should not be able to link categories together to *read* your speech!