

APA Format Speech Outline

Here's what your completed outline would look like in APA format:

I. Choose a good topic for your speech

A. Develop a strong thesis

B. Research your topic

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1. Organize your research

Choose your main arguments

Consider facts that will help support your thesis

2. Create a working outline to help organize your writing

II. Begin writing your speech

A. Writing an introduction that summarizes your topic, gives some background information, and presents your main thesis

B. Write the main body of your speech based on your working outline

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1. Be sure to follow the structure that your instructor has specified

Present your strongest points first

Follow your arguments with research and examples that support your ideas

2. Organize your ideas logically and in order of strength

3. Be sure to keep track of your sources

Present and debate possible counterarguments

Present evidence that counters these opposing arguments

III. Write your conclusion

A. Summarize your main points briefly

B. Present ideas for possible future research that might be needed

IV. Update your final outline to reflect your completed draft