

Choosing a topic

Student's guide

Choosing a topic for a paper or speech is possibly the most difficult part of conducting research. Start by thinking about topics you love or are interested in, create a list. From there, analyze the topics: what are the topics you know, and what are the topics your audience cares about? If you can find an intersection between these three criteria, you can rest assured you've chosen an appropriate topic for your presentation.

IF YOU NEED A LITTLE HELP BRAINSTORMING, READ THROUGH THE TOPICS LISTED HERE. YOU MAY FEEL INSPIRED TO RESEARCH SOMETHING SIMILAR:

The environment, energy use and consumption, consumerism, recycling

Health, wellness, and nutrition

Diseases, disorders, and addictions

Politics, voting, war, social justice, and nationality

Leadership, change, volunteerism

Culture, society, creativity, art, music, and entertainment

Technology, networking, social media

Censorship, privacy

Education, communication, knowledge

Cheating, plagiarism

Sports, exercise, dieting

History, biographies

Hobbies, traveling, holidays, vacations

Economy, poverty, homelessness, unemployment

Friendship, relationships, marriage, divorce

Languages and their place in education

"Participating in the CPF Concours d'art oratoire has helped me in so many ways. I have gained respect from my peers and teachers and employers consider the experience a large asset. I really love the Concours and in result, enjoy learning French a lot more. I take my courses more seriously knowing they will help me to write better speeches."

- 2013 provincial CPF Concours d'art oratoire participant and winner.