

## Tips for Senior Project Speech Preparation



- Have a dazzling introduction that grabs the attention of the judges
  - Capture your audience-
    - Begin with a quotation
    - Tell a story
    - Relate topic to life
    - Develop suspense
    - Relate personal experience
    - Shock or startle
  - Establish credibility-
    - Tell the audience why you are qualified to speak on your topic
  - Provide a preview-
    - Give a sneak peak on your main points
- Spend 2 minutes informing the judges about what you learned by writing your research paper (facts and interesting information-don't forget to mention sources)
  - Provide main point and subpoints
- Continue your speech for another 2-3 minutes about your fieldwork
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- Close the body of your speech for 2 minutes on how your Senior Project was a learning stretch for you.
- End your speech with a convincing conclusion that summarizes your Senior Project experience
  - Wrap up your speech by-
    - Asking questions
    - Closing with a quotation
    - Finishing a story
    - Summarizing
    - Making an impression
    - Leaving the audience with the overall purpose

### *Question and Answer Period*

- At the end of your presentation, the judges will ask questions about your research and/or fieldwork. The questions are usually very general, and you will be able to answer them easily after you have spent so many hours on your topic.