



**Abraham Lincoln was not attempting to be argumentative in his speech, but he was definitely persuasive.**

1. Research your topic for background information.
2. Write an assertive argumentative speech that is exactly 272 words long and takes approximately 2 ½ minutes to present.
3. Consider
  - Your audience
  - Word choice
  - Mood
  - Tone
  - Voice
  - Word choice
  - Evaluating your writer's craft
4. Use appropriate quotes
5. Revise with a responsible peer. Document this.
6. Edit and proofread
7. Practice reading with the voice that expresses your VOICE.
8. Memorize it, or learn it well enough that you are not bound to your reading.

**The  
Assignment**

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Write an assertive argumentative essay about something about which you feel strongly. You will need:

- An introduction/hook
- An assertive thesis statement in which you take a stance.
- A claim about your position based on past history.
  - support
- A claim about your position based on the present.
  - support
- A claim about your position based on the future.
  - support