

Energy Sources Speech Research

Goal: Research and organize information to give a two to four-minute speech about your assigned energy source. This speech should be primarily educational in purpose, but may be somewhat argumentative if you have a particular opinion about your energy source that you would like to convince your audience to believe.

Your speech should include the following information:

- a basic explanation of how your resource is used by humans for energy
- definitions of terms that may be unfamiliar to your audience
- claims about your energy source's use
- support for your claims that include facts, data, and logical reasons

An excellent speech will also include:

- counterclaims
- reasons and evidence to disprove the counter claims

Using the resources provided by your teacher, as well as reliable resources you find on your own, complete the following tasks to research the information you will need for your speech:

- Complete the Source Record Sheet with appropriate information for each source you use, and the color/symbol that matches your notecards from that source.
- Write each piece of information on a separate notecard, using colors or symbols in the corner of the notecard to code for each different source.
- On most notecards, paraphrase the information. (Remember to use lots of synonyms and change the sentence structure to be your own, not the original author's work.)
- Use quotation marks if you find a powerful statement from an expert that you would like to include in your speech. Write the original words exactly, in this case.
- Be careful to accurately copy any statistics, with the appropriate labels.
- Make a note of diagrams, charts, graphs, tables, maps, or other visual displays that might be helpful when presenting your topic – you may want to find these again later!

