# Persuasive Speech Icebreaker Template

Today, you’ll introduce yourself to your workshop group by giving a short (30-60 second) speech about something that matters to you. You should choose something that is important to you. Keep it appropriate for school. Try to focus on:

* Something you believe is true that others don’t
* Something you think is a big social issue that others don’t
* Something you think the government should do that others don’t

Take a few moments to think about it, then fill in the blanks below to build your own persuasive speech!

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| **Start by saying…**  *Description of what your saying* | **…Complete the phrase with your own words** |
| **Hi! My name is…**  *State your name to introduce yourself* |  |
| **Today, I’m going to talk to you about...**  *Introduce the topic of your speech* |  |
| **To be specific, I think that...**  *State your belief about this topic (this is your “advocacy statement” or “thesis”)* |  |
| **I believe for a few reasons. First, ...**  *Provide your first piece of supporting evidence* |  |
| **Second, ...**  *Provide your second piece of supporting evidence* |  |
| **Third, ...**  *If you have a third piece of evidence, provide it here. It’s ok if you only have two.* |  |
| **That’s why I think...**  *Conclude your speech by restating your “advocacy statement”* |  |