

A CLOSER LOOK

Each topic below is related to discrimination, prejudice or hate. Use the Internet and library resources to prepare a 3- to 5-minute speech on a topic that interests you.

- The Jewish Holocaust
- The Civil Rights Movement
- Internment of Japanese-Americans During World War II
- Crimes Against Native Americans During Westward Expansion
- Ongoing Ethnic Classes in the Balkans
- Church Burnings in America
- The Ku Klux Klan
- The Neo-Nazi Skinhead Movement
- Hate on the Internet

These hints will make your speech more successful:

1. **Decide on your purpose.** Do you want to persuade your audience, or simply inform them? What is the main point you want to get across?
2. **Write a brief outline of your presentation.** Begin with an introduction to grab interest, a purpose statement, facts to back up your purpose, and a conclusion.
3. **Think about your audience.** How much does the audience know about your subject? If you plan to present a persuasive argument, think about how strong your argument should be to influence a mixed audience.
4. **Add interest.** Personal stories, interesting facts and quotes will make your paper more memorable.
5. **Rehearse.** You will feel more comfortable if you go through your presentation at least three times. Don't try to memorize it. Instead, write the main points of the presentation on note cards and use the cards as memory cues.