COMM 105 Informative Speech: Process Check #2

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Name: __________________________

1. Potential topic: ____________________________________________________________

2. Use MasterFILE Premier, a general article database, to see if there are articles in popular magazines which will help you learn more about your topic.

   Search words you used: ____________________________________________________

   Approximate number of relevant articles

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<th>Check one</th>
<th>If you checked this, your next steps are…</th>
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<td>□ Fewer than 10</td>
<td>Unless all of these articles are PERFECT—your topic is too specific. Think creatively and broadly to expand your topic. Need help? Ask-A-Librarian or your professor!</td>
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<td>□ 11-50</td>
<td>Success! Your topic is do-able. Once your topic is approved by your professor, begin reading and annotating the articles for your next progress check</td>
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<td>□ More than 50</td>
<td>Your topic is too broad. Choose a sub-part of the question in order to focus—see your notes from the “flower diagram” OR use the subject words in MasterFile Premier to narrow your search. Need help? Ask-A-Librarian or your professor!</td>
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3. Specific purpose statement: _____________________________________________________

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4. List three things your audience needs to learn about your topic/ potential main points. [Need ideas? Refer to “flower diagram” and to the subject words you used to narrow your search results in step 2, above.]

   a. __________________________________________________________________________

   b. __________________________________________________________________________

   c. __________________________________________________________________________