

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

Check one

Fewer than 10

If you checked this, your next steps are....

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!

11-50

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

More than 50

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!



Ask-A-Librarian

If your topic needs revision or you can't find relevant articles, talk to a librarian or your professor for assistance!

<http://library.olivet.edu/pubserv/ref/ask.html>

3. Specific purpose statement: _____

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. _____