**How To Build A Presentation**

1. **Introduction:**
   * Capture the audience’s interest by starting with an attention-grabbing statement. (Example: “Did you know, by adulthood you will have 60,000 miles of blood vessels in your body?”)
   * Provide some background information related to your topic. (Example, “The most important part of the circulatory system is your heart. In an adult, it beats about 100,000 times a day, pumping about 2,000 gallons of blood. If your heart stops, you will be unconscious in about 20 seconds. So, what options do we have when our heart goes bad?”)
   * Tell the audience what to expect from your presentation. (For example: “Today I will discuss three possible ways to replace the human heart and why replacing a human heart with another human heart is still the best option.”)
2. **Body (3 Supporting Points):**
   * Each body paragraph should focus on a single main point or argument.
   * Begin each paragraph with a topic sentence that introduces the main idea. (Example: “Replacing a human heart with a pig’s heart is not a long-term solution.”)
   * Follow up with supporting evidence (Example: The longest someone has survived on a pig’s heart is only 2 months, and even healthy baboons, under the best of conditions, were only able to support a pig heart for 2.5 years.”)
   * Use transition words to connect your ideas and create a smooth flow between paragraphs. (Example: “In addition, pig hearts have been transplanted into humans while carrying pig-specific virus; possibly damaging the heart. While of lesser concern, pigs must be genetically modified in order to produce a heart that is less likely to be rejected by humans. The concept of genetically modify animals raises fears of many people.”)
3. **Conclusion:**
   * Restate your topic in different words than your introduction. (Example: “Human hearts are an amazing part of our circulatory system. However, if they are damaged to the point of needing to be replaced, there are few good options.”)
   * Summarize the supporting points/body. (Example: “Today we discussed using pig hearts, artificial hearts, and human hearts as replacements for defective human hearts. Unfortunately, replacement with human hearts is the only option that has been proven to work over the long-term.”)
   * End with a thought-provoking statement or call-to-action. (Example: “Do you want to help people needing human hearts? If so, when you are an adult, sign up as an organ- donor.”)