

Riley: My first instinct when reading the assignment page already had me thinking I want to support the proposal. Now . . . to find information provided in the exam to use as evidence for my speech.



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The Facts <u>Rejecting</u> the Proposal
<i>Those who oppose the proposal refer to important cultural events, like a 24-hour horror movie marathon, and an International Film Festival.</i>
<i>A study is included that show how youth need to be more social and be able to hang out together (not just online) and need a place to be able to do that (like the movie theatre).</i>

The Facts <u>Supporting</u> the Proposal
<i>The theatre is losing money.</i>
<i>The location is at the centre of Main Street. Town Council will make money by selling this prime location.</i>
<i>Kids usually are the ones who go to theatres, and the FastPoll.com statistics show that young people agree with closing the theatre. Town Council can't count on kids to increase revenues there.</i>
<i>Jessica Slevinsky (getreal354) talks about how the building is run-down and needs renovations. It'll cost more money to fix it up.</i>
<i>Red Watts (redtech123) downloads movies for free. (See? I'm not the only one!)</i>
<i>The HITTT.com evidence also gave information that supports the proposal:</i> <i>a. Baileys is a major burger restaurant that might be interested in the Aurora building.</i> <i>b. High-speed Internet is coming to Prosper. (Two words: faster downloads!)</i>

Choosing My Position

In light of these observations, I will choose to advise the Prosper Town Council to (Indicate your choice below.)

- ☒ ACCEPT
- ☐ REJECT

the proposal, because . . .

(Write your reason to either accept or reject the proposal.)

The pros for closing the theatre completely outweigh the cons. The theatre is losing a lot of money and it's decreasing in popularity for lots of reasons.

Choosing My Format

I have chosen the following format for my response:

- ☐ Letter
- ☒ Speech

Organizing My Response



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In my **introduction**, I will . . .
(Remember to greet the audience specifically, and state your specific purpose for addressing them.)

- *In my intro, I will begin and greet the council, outline my understanding of the issue, and inform them of my purpose: to convince them to sell the theatre.*
- *I'll also make it clear that this will be a **SPEECH**.*

In my **first** body paragraph, I will focus on this key idea:

My first body paragraph will explain the reasons why the town must sell the theatre.

I will support my key idea with these **persuasive reasons** and **supporting details**:

- *The theatre is losing money.*
- *The location is at the centre of Main Street. Town Council will make money by selling this prime location.*
 - *Kids usually are the ones who go to theatres, and the FastPoll.com statistics show that young people agree with closing the theatre. Town Council can't count on kids to increase revenue there.*
 - *Jessica Slevinsky (getreal354) talks about how the building is run-down and needs renovations. It'll cost more money to fix it up.*
 - *Red Watts (redtech123) downloads movies for free. (See? I'm not the only one!)*
- *The HITTT.com evidence also gave information that supports the proposal:*
 - *Baileys is a major burger restaurant that might be interested in the Aurora building.*
 - *High-speed Internet is coming to Prosper. Two words: faster downloads. ;-)*

In my **second** body paragraph, I will focus on this key idea:

*I will write a second body paragraph that identifies the **views from the other side of the issue**, and then argue against each of those points.*

I will support my key idea with these **persuasive reasons** and **supporting details**:

Those who oppose the proposal refer to cultural events, like a 24-hour horror movie marathon, an International Film Festival, and a study where youth needs to be more social and be together to hang out (not just online).

My thinking: *Who has 24 hours to watch movies in a movie marathon? An International Film Festival might be interesting for older patrons, but I don't think the youth in the community will go. Finally, there are so many places for us to hang out, like Mom and Pop's Diner, Guru Fitness Centre, and the Prosper Youth Centre.*

In my **third** body paragraph, I will focus on this key idea:

In my last body paragraph, I'll explain how the town will benefit when they sell the theatre. This will strongly set up my conclusion.

I will support my key idea with these **persuasive reasons** and **supporting details**:

The location is at the centre of Main Street. Town Council will make money by selling this prime location. This money can then be used to build something the community will actually use like a recreation centre (with a hockey rink!).

In my **conclusion**, I will . . .
(Remember to thank the audience, and remind them what you would like them to do and why the issue is so important.)

- *I will thank the council for taking the time to listen to my arguments in support of closing the theatre.*
- *I'll remind them that the money they would earn from the sale of the theatre could be used on a project that would better fit the needs of the community.*
- *I'll also remind them that the world is changing and people just don't go to traditional movie theatres like they once did.*