

## **SPEECH OUTLINE**

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### **How to write a song**

**Specific Purpose:** Once my speech is concluded, I want my audience to be informed on how to go about writing a song.

#### **Introduction:**

- I. Have you ever wanted to create a meaningful or catchy tune?
- II. Writing a song may seem difficult, and it may be time consuming.
- III. However, there are a few processes that help to ease and speed up the process.
- IV. Today we will talk about one that's one of the easiest ones to comprehend.

**Thesis Statement / Central Idea:** Once I conclude this speech today you should know how to write a song simply by coming up with a song type, creating a melody, and writing the lyrics.

#### **Body:**

(Signpost: To start...)

1. Come up with a song type.
  - A. Pick a topic that is important to you
  - B. Pick a music genre

(Signpost: Now that you have an idea of what to write...)

2. Create a melody.
  - A. Sing, hum, or play random melodies
  - B. Pick one you like
  - C. Try not to overthink or force anything

(Signpost: Lastly...)

3. Write the lyrics.
  - A. Write from the heart
  - B. Make sure the lyrics and message are clear
  - C. Try not to overthink or force anything

(Signpost: In conclusion...)

#### **Conclusion:**

- I. Writing a song might not be the easiest thing to do.
- II. But, by following the process of picking a song type, creating a melody, and writing the lyrics, writing a song should become a bit easier.

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