**Problem-Cause-Solution Speech Outline**

Name:

Topic:

General Purpose: To persuade

Specific Purpose: (This should be a single statement that combines your general purpose, your audience, and your objective.)

Thesis: (This should be a single, concise sentence summarizing and/or previewing what you will be talking about during your speech.)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Attention-Getter:
2. Credibility Statement:
3. Relevance to Audience:
4. Thesis and Preview of Main Points:

Transition: (*Transitions should be typed in italics.*)

II. BODY

1. Main Point I (Problem):
2. Subpoint:
3. Subpoint:

Transition: (*Transitions should be typed in italics.*)

1. Main Point II (Cause):
2. Subpoint:
3. Subpoint:

Transition: (*Transitions should be typed in italics.*)

1. Main Point III (Solution):
2. Subpoint:
3. Subpoint:

Transition: (*Transitions should be typed in italics.*)

III. CONCLUSION

1. Thesis and Summary of Main Points:
2. Audience Response Statement:
3. Wow Statement:

**References**

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* Entries are formatted with a hanging indent. Do not center or number your entries.
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