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OUTCOMES FOR OUR TIME

By the end of our time we will have...

- Reviewed best practices for brainstorming, researching and selecting a bill topic
- Clarified techniques to use while writing your opening and closing statements
- Answered questions to make the bill writing process the best ever!!



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**I MAY NOT BE
THERE YET, BUT
I'M CLOSER
THAN I WAS
YESTERDAY.**



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INTRODUCTION

TOPIC SELECTION TIPS

GENERAL TIPS:

- ✓ Make sure your topic is one that interests you – once you submit your bill, you cannot change topics!
- ✓ You want your bill to be debatable and something that you can gather plenty of research on.
- ✓ Consider the real life feasibility of your bill – if it became law, would it be possible to implement and enforce it?
- ✓ Your bill topic must fall under the powers of the state – it cannot change federal law or the U.S. Constitution.

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BRAINSTORMING YOUR BILL TOPIC:

- ✓ Consider what ideas, if passed, would improve the lives of North Carolinians.
- ✓ Read the newspaper or watch the local news.
- ✓ Ask your parents, friends, or teachers for ideas
- ✓ Look at what bills were considered during this year's North Carolina legislative session:
<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/applications/KeywordReports/> (*type in a keyword such as education or transportation*)
- ✓ Look at what laws exist in other states that do not exist in North Carolina.
- ✓ For additional help take a look at: www.ncsl.org

CRAFTING YOUR BILL

- ✓ Use the YAG-provided template.
- ✓ Once you finish writing your bill, have someone else read it to ensure that your bill is substantive, concise, makes sense, and does not contain any misspellings or grammatical errors.
- ✓ Take some time to consider how you can craft an innovative but feasible solution to your issue.
- ✓ Make sure your bill will have an impact on citizens across the state, not just in your school or your hometown.
- ✓ Your bill cannot change any policies that fall under the control of the federal government.

ARTICULATING YOUR ARGUMENT

- ✓ Gather stats, facts, and anecdotes to back up your bill.
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with parliamentary procedure.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- ✓ What is the impact to North Carolinians if my bill becomes law? Why is my bill needed?
- ✓ What is the impact to North Carolinians if my bill DOES NOT become law?
- ✓ Who will oppose my bill? What will the arguments be against my bill?



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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS



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SUBMISSION PROCESS



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