

Example Persuasive Speech

UFO's are real!!

Attention Grabber: Regardless of your personal beliefs on the likelihood of extraterrestrial life, UFO's, Unidentified Flying Objects, are just that: unidentified and flying, not necessarily extraterrestrial. In life, the better informed we are about our surroundings, the better our overall decision making process is.

Credibility Statement: I have read a number of books on UFO's and have even seen one myself.

General Purpose: I am here to help you understand that UFO's are real—there are flying objects that cannot be identified.

Preview Statement: First I will give you the ancient accounts of UFO's; secondly, I will explain the most documented UFO sightings, and lastly, I will tell you about the more recent government reports about UFO's.

I. Ancient accounts of UFO's

A. Christian Bible

1. Ezekiel's Wheel
2. Uncanny glowing objects in the night sky

B. Accounts considered as signs (source: Jacques Vallee's *Passport to Magonia*)

1. Almost beheaded priest

C. "Aerial Ships"

1. Naval accounts—ship *Siberian* and ship *Vultur*

Transitions: This completes our information on ancient accounts of UFO's; now we can move on to the most documented UFO sightings in the past century.

II. Most Documented UFO Sightings in the Past Century

A. Military UFO Sightings (source: Robert E. Bartholomew and George S. Howard, *UFO's and Alien Contact*)

1. World War I—phantom air raids and mysterious aero-planes
2. World War II—"Foo fighters"

B. Citizen UFO Sightings (source: David Michael Jacobs, *The UFO Controversy in America*)

1. Crop Circles
2. Snow Circles
3. Land Circles

C. Personal UFO Sightings (source: Frank B. Salisbury, *The UFO Display*)

1. Betty and Barney Hill
2. French Doctor