

Useful vocabulary

How to introduce your notion

- I'm going to talk about the notion of progress / spaces and exchanges / myths and heroes / locations and forms of power = je vais parler de la notion de ...
- The notion I'm going to deal with is the idea of progress: la notion que je vais traiter est...
- To begin with / to start with, I'd like to give a definition of... = pour commencer, j'aimerais donner une définition de...
- In relation to the notion, the subject of my presentation will be ... / I'm going to speak about... / My topic is ...
- I would like to illustrate this notion through the theme of...

How to phrase your question (=problématique)

We may answer the question ... / wonder about ... (se poser des questions à propos de) / wonder if (= se demander si) / wonder how (= se demander comment...) / wonder why (se demander pourquoi)

How to indicate your layout (=plan)

- 1st possibility (présentation thématique)

My presentation will fall into 3 parts - First of all, I will concentrate on.... , then I will analyse before finally focusing on ... (= se concentrer)

- firstly/first/ first of all, I will be interested in..., then I will study..., finally I will say a few words about... (= dire quelques mots à propos de...)

- 2nd possibility (présentation par document)
- In order to (= so as to) illustrate this notion / this theme / the fact that..., I have chosen two documents = pour illustrer cette notion, j'ai choisi 2 documents.
- Let me explain the reason why I have chosen ... : laissez-moi expliquer pourquoi j'ai choisi...
- To my mind (=in my opinion, in my view...), the documents that best illustrate the notion / the fact that the US has a gun culture, are... : à mon avis, les documents qui illustrent le mieux cette notion / le fait que les Etats Unis ont une culture des armes, sont ...
- For example / for instance / let's take the case of / take for example / in particular /particularly

How to talk about a document you have studied in relation to the notion

a) Say what the document is about:

The document deals with/ is about... = le document traite de...

It focuses on a major issue = il porte sur un problème majeur

It raises the problem of ... = il soulève le problème de...

b) Explain the author's or narrator's point of view

FOR	AGAINST	NEUTRAL
He/she approves of ... = He/she sides with... = se ranger du côté de... / prendre parti pour He /she stands for ... = être pour / défendre He/ she advocates... = préconiser / prôner / recommander	He/she denounces / condemns He/she criticizes/ blames / reproaches GN for Ving = reprocher à quelqu'un de faire quelque chose He/she disapproves of... He/she warns us against ... = mettre en garde contre...	He/she analyses / comments on / reveals / informs us that...

c) How to explain the link with the notion you have to talk about

It is an interesting / relevant (=pertinent) illustration of... insofar as (=dans la mesure où) ...

In many respects (à bien des égards), the document / the recording (=enregistrement)
/ the report shows that / proves that...

Both the article and the ad (=publicité) make us realize that (nous fait réaliser que) /
make us aware that (nous fait prendre conscience que) / make us understand that (nous
fait comprendre)...

In both documents / in the three documents, the idea put forward is ... (l'idée avancée
est...)

The author / poet / journalist / painter / film director/ singer / artist wants to draw
our attention

His/her aim is to... = son but est de ...

Make a personal conclusion and give your opinion on the document

To conclude / in conclusion, I could say that ...

I'd like to end by saying that = j'aimerais terminer par dire que ...

In my opinion / in my view / to my mind = à mon avis

From my point of view = de mon point de vue

As far as I am concerned, I think that = en ce qui me concerne, je pense que...

I strongly believe that ... : je crois fortement / profondément que ...
I'm afraid I disagree about the idea that = je crains de ne pas être d'accord...
I have the feeling that = j'ai le sentiment que...
We are given the impression that... : on nous donne l'impression que...
We must acknowledge that = on doit reconnaître que
We must not forget that... : on ne doit pas oublier que...
We should keep in mind that = on devrait garder à l'esprit que
Nothing will change unless... = rien ne changera à moins que

Expressions to interact and communicate naturally

Exprimer l'accord

I think so = je le pense / **I suppose so** = je le suppose / **I guess so** = sans doute, oui
That's just what I think / That's it = c'est cela
I agree with you about it = je suis d'accord avec vous sur ce point
I'm with you there = je vous suis
Exactly

Exprimer le désaccord

I don't really think so
I'm afraid you're wrong = je crains que vous vous trompiez / vous ayez tort
I don't fully agree with you = je ne suis pas entièrement d'accord avec vous
I disagree with you

Clarifier son propos / se reprendre

Let me put it another way = let me say it differently
What I mean is that = ce que je veux dire, c'est que ...
In other words = en d'autres termes

Hésiter / ne pas rester muet

Um / er / well / actually (= in fact) / the thing is (= en fait) / you see / you know
How shall I put it ? = comment dire?
I can't find the right words = Je ne trouve pas mes mots
I'm sorry, I don't know what to say = je suis désolé, je ne sais pas quoi dire
I'm afraid I don't remember = je suis désolé je ne m'en souviens pas

Comment être convaincant

- donnez des exemples
- utilisez des expressions qui expriment votre conviction : **I'm quite sure that ...** (= je suis tout à fait certain que...) / **I'm convinced that** (= je suis convaincu que...) / **I do believe that** (= je crois vraiment que...)