

Speech Pre-Writing Tool Sheet

Initial Thoughts - Write for five to ten minutes your initial thoughts to answering the essential question: *To what extent are US citizens equal?*

Initial Thoughts - Write for five to ten minutes your initial thoughts to answering the following questions: *How do US citizens experience equality? How have US citizens experienced inequality?*

Your claim - Based on your initial thoughts, draft your **claim** (What is your argument? What are you trying to convince the audience about?)

Evidence - How will you support your claim? List as many, aim for 5, pieces of evidence as you can that help support your claim. Reference the previous work, key terms, court cases, readings, and discussions from this unit to help guide your search for evidence. For each example, write **HOW** this piece of evidence supports your claim.

- 1.
- 2.

	<p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>
<p>Evidence part 2 - Which pieces of evidence will provide the strongest support for your claim, and why?</p>	
<p>Conclusion - How will you conclude your speech? What lasting message will you share? Draft your conclusion.</p>	

Once you complete this sheet, begin drafting your speech.