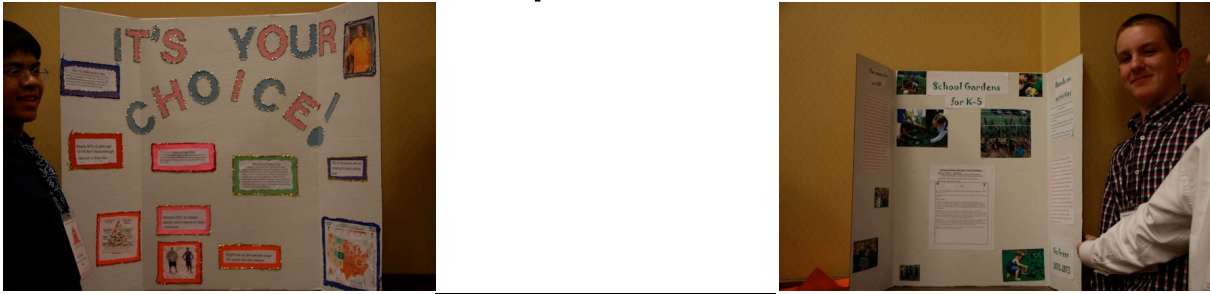


## Trifold Tips for Authors



As an author you will have several tools available to you at KYA, and one of them will be a trifold board that presents your research in a visually pleasing way. You will be allowed to display this board while presenting your bill, both in Bill Sharing and during debate. This trifold should clearly display much of your research, and will serve as your only visual aid. In order for you to have an excellent trifold, you need to address four main questions:

What is the issue?

Why does this issue need to be dealt with more than others?

What is your proposed solution?

Why is this bill a good idea?

### **What is the issue?**

The first thing your trifold should tell someone is the topic being discussed. Whether accomplished through the use of pictures, a bold heading, drawings, or other media, a good trifold board will make it clear to even a casual observer what issue this board focuses on. Doing this in an attention getting manner will help draw people to you, and making them more likely to listen to what you have to say. This will also set the tone for your display, as each piece should try to be a part of the overall theme. Remember to have someone look at your board who doesn't already know what your bill is about, as this gives you a better chance of understanding what the first questions people might have will be.

### **Why does this issue need to be dealt with more than others?**

Once an observer understands what you are discussing, you need to convince them that this issue is a problem worthy of their attention. You will be working with a group of your peers, so consider what will make them believe that the bill you have written will make their lives better. You can use charts, graph, quotes, essays, pictures, or other pieces of evidence to convince other delegates of the importance of dealing with your issue. These should be presented in a factual manner, and authors should be able to explain where their research and visual aids originated from, as well as what they illustrate.

### **What is your proposed solution?**

This is the portion where authors should outline their bill, and what specifically it will do. Once again charts, graph, quotes, essays, pictures, or other pieces of evidence may be used, and should explain thoroughly what actions your bill will take to improve the current situation.

## **Why is this bill a good idea?**

This is the section where the positive outcomes of the bill should be discussed. Many authors want to focus only on this portion, but each is equally important. Once delegates have identified the issue and clearly laid out their plan, then they may illustrate what the positive impacts of their proposal are. This can be done in list form, or through pictures or several other techniques.