**Chapter 6: Select a Topic and Purpose**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Select a speech of your choice; identify the speaker’s thesis statement. Using the criteria outlined in the chapter, evaluate the effectiveness of the thesis statement.
2. What are some topics that would be unsuitable to discuss in a college classroom in the United States? Explain.
3. Should speakers be wary of topics that are controversial explain?
4. Describe an instance where the behavioral objectives for an audience might be unrealistic or overly ambitious.
5. Identify your specific purpose and general purpose statements for an upcoming speech. Evaluate their overall effectiveness using the criteria outlined in the chapter.