

Thesis defense opening brief (Template & Video Brief)

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Purpose: Make the research question, contribution and limits clear before the detailed defense.

Research question: [Add your own information]

Gap in prior work with citation: [Add your own information]

Method and sample: [Add your own information]

Main result with uncertainty: [Add your own information]

Contribution: [Add your own information]

Limitations: [Add your own information]

Defense section order: [Add your own information]

Story order: Move from the research gap to your method, one central finding and its significance, then introduce the detailed evidence.

Review: Keep the opening to 60-90 seconds. Preserve uncertainty and citations; use the full defense for methodology and questions.

For a video (if needed): target duration, narration language, required visuals and one next action. Confirm scope and quote before production.

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