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Informal Persuasive Speech

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Why you should watch LOST

Friends, I have an important message to share with you today. If you are currently wasting your time Tuesday nights at 9:00pm Eastern Standard Time doing anything other than watching the hit ABC television broadcast of LOST, you need a wakeup call. This is your last chance to join the craze that grips our nation in fascination every week. If you fail to join the legions of LOST-atics out there this season, you will have "LOST" your chance forever.

- Let's be honest – lost provides gripping questions about reality that are believable – doesn't go too far
- The characters are believable and flawed human beings – Jack's insecurities, Sawyer's guilt, Kate's fear of commitment, Hurley's self doubt and trusting nature
- Backgrounds and props are perfect, 1970s, jungle ruins, everything but the polar bear in the first season looks great
- People make mistakes, major characters can die, you never know who, doesn't suffer from "sacred cow" syndrome

- The background mythology is perfectly constructed – they reveal just enough to keep you asking for more
- Why does one group follow a never seen "religious" leader? They have rules and knowledge, but we only see enough to keep us guessing
- Some of it is based on real scientific theory such as electromagnetism, some is based on popular homeopathic remedies in medicine, also based on electromagnetism. Even current time travel theories at UCONN use gravity/electromagnetism to describe how time could be changed.

- Finally, the characters are real people who you can feel a connection with.
- Their troubles and flaws help make the whole show believable, but their whole personalities make them into people who stand on their own beyond the mysteries and science fiction
- Hurley just wants to be left alone, nice guy, struggles with his weight, doesn't want to lie
- Sawyer wonders if he was born to be a killer, regrets what he has done, felt he did not have a choice. Now he desperately wishes to make up for his past actions.
- Jack always wants to help others, it is why he became a surgeon, but he lives in his father's shadow. He always wants to do the right thing, but finds he causes a bad situation.

Tragically, this monumental colossus of entertainment, this Montezuma of legendariness that is the hit television series LOST will be no more after this 2010 television season. While there may be some who will criticize you for being a joiner at the last minute, that you are a rat gnawing at the carcass of a beast about to disappear into legend, I welcome you with open arms. LOST will enchant you with its whimsical bendings of physics, it will captivate you with its mystifying mysteries (Where did those polar bears come from, anyway?), it will make you gasp with its thrilling cliff hangers, and it will make you feel warm and loved like a baby swaddled all up for beady-bye time. That is why you must decide to join the LOST community before it is too late.