

Public Speaking Extra Credit Paper

Value: 10 points

Due date: Submit a paper copy in class any time before the meeting time for the final

Assignment:

Write a 5-7 page paper in which you analyze a famous or at least well received speech (there are websites where you can view these and libraries tend to have videos and DVDs of historically significant speeches as well). You should watch the speech several times while taking notes before you begin writing the paper. In the paper, you must:

- In 1-3 ¶: Provide a simple and brief summary of the speech's details: Who was the speaker? Why was the speech being given? Who was the audience? What was the context into which the speech was being delivered (a country at war, a time of crisis, a celebration)? Where was it delivered (city, state, and more specific location, too)? What year?
- In 5-10 ¶: Analyze the speech using either the Informative Speech Rubric or the Persuasive Speech Rubric depending on which one fits the speech best. Devote a paragraph or more to each section.
- Within the above paragraphs: Provide specific examples to support your analysis of the speech (For example: The attention getter was very effective. By comparing the problem to a hunting expedition, the speaker was able to relate to the audience, many of whom are hunters themselves.)
- In 1-3 ¶: Include an overall critique of the speech in which you describe what you learned, what you might incorporate in your own speeches, and what you didn't like about the speech as well.

Your writing should be scholarly and free of errors in language usage, grammar, and punctuation. Avoid using "I" as much as possible, if not entirely. Follow the guidelines established in the syllabus and use proper MLA formatting throughout the paper (you will only need to cite the speech itself and the course textbook, if necessary).