

SPECIAL OCCASION SPEECH ASSIGNMENT

Use the following directions as a guide to write the outline for your tribute/commemorative* speech. Remember, you **must CITE TWO SOURCES during the speech.**

Introduction

Open with an *attention getter* followed by introducing who or what you are talking about. Explain why you are qualified to be talking about this, how did you find your sources? Tell us how. Then preview the main points that you will be covering in your speech

I. Background

Provide a context (setting) for accomplishments and obstacles. What is the "back story" on this? What were the accomplishments, achievements, hardships, struggles, etc. This validates your choice and explains why you chose whom/what you did.

II. Relationship/Relevance

Why is this person important to you? What is their influence? Outline their impact on yourself and/or others. This is an opportunity to tell the stories highlighting the qualities you revere.

III. What has been learned as a result of their influence?

What will you and others value and carry forward? What is the lesson to be learned. How can we emulate this, or how will this impact our lives?

Conclusion

Restatement or summary of key points, leave the audience with the "lesson" they should have learned. Close in a creative way.

- You may also do an "After Dinner Speech" (pp.328-329)