

Great Speeches

The goal of this assignment is twofold. One: exposure to some great speeches. Two: tactic thievery. Watch or listen to these speeches and steal what tricks you can. Use the following questions to guide your listening.

(It might make more sense to take notes on lined paper or on your computer, which is fine)

In the area of...	I noticed that...
Opening	
Ethos	
Logos	
Pathos	
Arrangement of points	
Word choice/language	
Closing	

Speeches you may choose from (choose TWO) – these are available online, most on YouTube. If possible please WATCH them, as rhetoric is more than just words. ALL have audio availability.

- “The Ballot or the Bullet” –Malcolm X
- John F. Kennedy’s Inaugural Address
- “This is Water” –David Foster Wallace (Commencement Speech for Kenyon College)
- “Remarks on the Assassination of MLK” -- Robert Kennedy
- “The Fundamental Principle of a Republic” –Anna Howard Shaw
- “Black Power” – Stokely Carmichael
- “Farewell to Baseball” – Lou Gehrig
- “The Perils of Indifference” – Elie Wiesel
- “On Addiction” – Princess Diana
- “We Should all be Feminists” – Chimamanda Adichie
- “Newton South Graduation Speech 2007” (it’s on YouTube)
- “A Time for Choosing” –Ronald Reagan