

Public Speaking – A Famous Quote

Task: You are to write and present a speech explaining a famous quote.

Requirements:

- 1) Your speech will have an **engaging introduction** (*question, statistic etc*) a **body** (*an explanation of the content and your ideas*) and a **conclusion** to summarize your ideas.
- 2) The speech is to be 3 – 4 minutes in length
- 3) You will submit a double spaced copy of your speech for evaluation.

Checklist

- State the quote in its entirety, name its author and date it was written.
- Explain the meaning of the quote from the author's perspective.
- Provide biographical information on the author of the quote. Who was the person? What are some of the experiences of the quote's author that makes the quote important? Under what circumstances did the author write the quote? Why did the person write the quote?
- How has the quote motivated and or influenced other people? Has the quote brought about any changes?
- What does the quote mean to you? Explain its impact on you. Has it provided you with insight? Has it offered you perspective? Recount a moment where this quote has inspired you.

Rubric for Speech

Criteria	Weight	Exemplary 4	Accomplished 3	Developing 2	Beginning 1
Knows the speech	40.00%	Know the speech well; has obviously practised; uses no notes; speaks with confidence	Knows the speech fairly well; some practise; may use notes; fairly confident	Knows some of the speech; relies on notes; appears uncomfortable	Does not know the speech; reads from notes
Voice	25.00%	Always speaks loudly and clearly	Speaks loudly and clearly	May speak too softly or too loudly; mumbles occasionally	Speaks too softly or too rapidly mumbles
Duration	20.00%	Speech last 3 to 4 minutes	Speech last less than 3 minutes	Speech last less than 2 minutes	Speech last less than 1 minute
Audience Contact	15.00%	Student looks at all the audience	Student looks at a few people in the audience	Speech told to only 1 or 2 people in the audience	Student does not look at audience