Assignment name: Ceremonial Speech

Objective of assignment: To provide students with an opportunity to prepare a speech that demands some creativity.

Description: All of us have listened to a ceremonial speech. It might have been a graduation speech, a eulogy, or a toast to someone. The general purpose of speeches like this is “to entertain.” There may be some informative elements to this type of speech but in the end we just want the people to laugh, or cry or be moved in some way when the speech is over. The speech can be serious or lighthearted…it depends on what the topic is.

For this speech you will construct and deliver a speech of tribute. Speeches of tribute usually fall into one of three types:

- Tribute to an individual (Mother Theresa)
- Tribute to a group of individuals (World War two veterans)
- Tribute to an organization (Habitat for Humanity)

In the end you will pick one of the above types of tributes and construct a speech paying honor to the person or persons or group.

Speeches of tribute are well organized and have a distinct beginning, middle and end. However, we don’t need to establish credibility or have a preview of the main points that really stands out.

Speeches of tribute should not be just a timeline of events in this person’s or groups life. You are well served to determine three or four things they contribution to the world around them and speak on those. For example, Mother Theresa contributed compassion, unconditional love, and sacrifice to those around her. Once we know that we focus on finding examples or the testimony of others that demonstrate this.

Requirements:
- Time of the speech should be 3 to 5 minutes
- Speech is delivered extemporaneously (NO READING)
- Full sentence outlines are due to turnitin.com by the beginning of your class period on April 27th. Five (5) point penalty on speech is applied if deadline is missed
- Note cards are due on the day of the speech and will be graded.