

**Honors Literature and Short Stories**  
**Week 32**

**Speeches**

A powerful speech can sway an audience. It can move them to tears, or to laughter. It can move the audience to action. When you read a speech, you lose some of the effect of the voice and tone, however, you can still see the power of the words. In HS-10 you will learn more about the elements that make a strong speech. For now, I would like you to choose a speech to read. After reading the speech, you will write your response in the form of a good paragraph.

- To whom was the speech directed?
- What emotion did it create in you?
- Is this the emotion you think the speaker intended?
- What made the speech powerful – give examples.

**Famous Speeches Website:**

<http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/index.htm>

Some suggestions:

Nelson Mandela [http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Nelson\\_Mandela/](http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Nelson_Mandela/)

John F. Kennedy [http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/John\\_F\\_Kennedy/5.htm](http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/John_F_Kennedy/5.htm)

Mark Twain [http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Mark\\_Twain/index.htm](http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Mark_Twain/index.htm)

Lyndon Johnson [http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Lyndon\\_B\\_Johnson/index.htm](http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Lyndon_B_Johnson/index.htm)

**Assignments**

1. Final draft of Hero's Journey essay. **Due this week. 200 points**
2. Choose and read a speech and then **follow the instructions above** for your response. **50 points Due this week**
3. **Weekly shorts – 5 points** Write a reflection of the year. Discuss what you liked and what you didn't like (and why). What worked, what didn't (and why). What things could be changed in order to be more clear?