

EULOGY SPEECH

Assignment: You will design and present a eulogy (a written tribute praising someone who has passed away) to your future self from the point of view of a close friend or family member. The speech should introduce who you are and chronicle the major events of your life, from infancy to adulthood. Clearly, many parts of this speech will be fictitious, so the real focus of the assignment is on organization and presentation. Light research is involved; you must interview an older family member regarding your infancy and/or childhood, and use his or her responses in your speech.

Purpose:

- To demonstrate the student's ability to effectively develop a speech outline
- To practice public speaking skills and presentation organization
- To successfully use and cite an interview source in a speech

Audience: The audience will be essentially decided by you... who are you presenting this eulogy to? Family members, coworkers, fellow astronauts...? Do they expect reverence or humor? Tailor your speech to the needs and expectations of your imagined audience.

Form: Your speech must be presented using a proper outline according to the format on the backside of this assignment sheet. This first speech must be typed. You **must use at least two direct/verbatim quotations** from your interview in your speech and they must be cited properly according to MLA format. You must include your name, "English 9a – macro #", "Eulogy Speech", and date in the upper left corner. Font size will be 11-14 point and double-spaced. Font choices include: Times, Arial, Geneva, and Courier.

Points: This speech will be assessed on the following:

1. Outline – quality material and organization
2. Presentation – public speaking skills
3. Visual aid (poster, powerpoint, etc.)
4. MLA interview research, utilized and cited properly
5. Careful preparation (evidence of practice)

How to cite an interview MLA style:

Works Cited:

Person Interviewed. Type of Interview (personal, telephone, email, etc.). Date, Time.

Examples: Covelle, Kristen; Will's sister. Personal interview. 17 July 2004, 4:10pm.

Morrison, April; Will's mother. Telephone interview. 14 August 2004, 11:30am.

Crediting a source in a speech:

- A. Messiness
 - i. bedroom
 - ii. His mother April recalls how as a child he "always loved mashed potatoes because they were so easy to fling at his sister" (Morrison).
 - iii. always got own clothes dirty