Analyze a famous speech

To *analyze* means to examine methodically and in detail the constitution or structure of something (esp. information), typically for purposes of explanation and interpretation (dictionary.com). In your own words – look at something closely.

You will write a five-paragraph essay on your chosen famous speech. An analysis does not summarize the speech – it looks at the speech in close detail. You will need to get familiar with your famous speech. Know the speaker, know the history behind it, know what made it famous.

You are not giving a speech on this famous speech. You are simply writing a paper to hand in to me – you will not even read it aloud.

1st paragraph – introduction. Follow the five-sentence introduction formula.

**Attention grabber** – not the one the speaker used in the speech but one you’ve come up

with to grab attention and get the reader interested in your paper.

Fill the reader in on the **details** – speaker, title, date, occasion, etc…

**Thesis statement** – write your interpretation and impression of the speech. Give **three**

**hints** of what is to come in the remainder of your paper.

2nd, 3rd, 4th paragraphs – body. Those three hints in the thesis statement will lead the reader to

these **three body paragraphs**. You choose the **three pieces** of the speech that you will **analyze**. Use the “analysis options” document on the website for ideas.

\*you are **NOT summarizing** the speech!

5th paragraph – conclusion. Write this as a backwards introduction.

**Restate your thesis** (do NOT copy and paste it – put it in your own words).

**Tie together** all of your ideas from the body paragraphs.

End with a **thoughtful closing statement**.

**Requirements**

* Typed, double spaced, size 12, Times New Roman, heading at the top, 1 inch margins, “after” spacing set at 0, page numbers
* 400+ words
* No contractions
* No 1st or 2nd person
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* Minimum of one source plus the speech as a source used. Websites ending in .org, .gov, .edu are more credible than .com
* Create **Works Cited** page created at easybib.com
  + Cite all sources PLUS the speech