**THE BASICS:**

**Your Topic:** Any Disney/Dreamworks/Pixar character or characters of your choosing.

**Your Assignment:** Develop either a toast to newly wed couple of Disney characters, or a eulogy for a recently deceased character, or an acceptance speech for an award won by a character. It is entirely up to you to decide what you will write about, but it must be delivered in the voice of your chosen character.

**THE FINE PRINT:**

* We recommend that you adopt the voice of another character when you give your speech. Rather than being you, the student, presenting a wedding toast to Ariel and Prince Eric, instead be Ursula the Sea Witch presenting an angry wedding toast to the happy couple or King Triton happily toasting his daughter’s newfound love. Doing so will allow you to take on many of the qualities and attributes of an easily recognizable character.
* Your oration will be just 1:30-2 minutes and will be delivered in class on Monday, May 22. You can receive full credit for memorizing your work, but you will also be allowed to bring your document to the front of the room while you read, though it will affect your score. You must have rehearsed many times so that your speech is not presented strictly as a read-aloud from the paper – Over reliance on your document will significantly damage your grade.
* You will need to type your speech, and you will need to bring it to class on the due date
* You will need to read your speech and time yourself – you are limited to a MINIMUM of 1:30 and a MAXIMUM of 2:00. We will be timing you during your presentation to your peers. Going under or over your time allotment will be detrimental to your score.
* You will receive a 40 point daily quiz grade for this assignment and you have been provided with a checklist/rubric. This will be the highest amount of points in your daily grade category for the semester and being successful on this assignment will have a positive effect on your end of semester average.
* Here are the usual formulas for each type of speech. You may use them as a guide as you write. You may also consult YouTube for examples of funny, amusing, awful, and wonderful acceptance speeches, toasts, and eulogies.

Eulogy

Elements (including but not limited to):

* Anecdote (personal story) / Remember that time…
* Lesson learned from them
* Why you will miss them.

Toast

Elements (including but not limited to):

* Announce the toast
* Anecdote/ Remember that time…
* Why the two will be good together
* Toast to their good luck.

Academy Award speech

Elements (including but not limited to):

* Initially surprised or boastful
* Thank family / characters/actors in the film – sincere or saccharine
* Dedicate it to someone thoughtfully