



## ELA 9: Disney Character Speaking Assignment

### Background:

You've been asked to be the main entertainment and your 5 years old cousin's birthday party. Their favourite thing right now is Disney cartoon characters, and you decided to put your drama and LA skills to good use and do a little performance for them.

### Task:

Individually, you will choose any Disney/Dreamwork/Pixar character or characters (yes, multiples!) of your choosing...

- Develop either a toast to a newly wed Disney couple, OR a eulogy to a recently deceased character, or an acceptance speech for an award won by a character
- Deliver your speech in the voice of your character. Use all the speaking techniques, content, and tone to your advantage. You must speak for a min. of 1:30 and a max. of 2 minutes
- Submit a written copy of your speech on the day of your presentation

### *Some guiding suggestions:*

- 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
- 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 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
- 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*

- Anecdote (personal story) – “Remember that time...”
- Lesson learned from them (the deceased) – “he/she really taught me that...”
- Why you will miss them – “I will really miss... most.”

### *Toast*

- Announcing the toast – “Ladies and gentlemen if I could get your attention please...”
- Anecdote (personal story) – “The groom and I go back way back...”
- Why the two will be good together – “Jack and Jill truly belong to each other because...”
- Toast to their good luck – “We wish you all the love and happiness...”

### *Acceptance speech*

- Initially surprised or boastful – “I was NOT expecting this, there were so much good competition...”
- Thank family, other characters, behind the scenes people/story – “Thank you to...”
- Dedicate it to someone thoughtful – “Most importantly, I would like to dedicate this award to...”



Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Character & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Speech (circle one):

Eulogy

Toast

Acceptance Speech

Content	5	4	3	2	1
The purpose of the speech is <b>clear</b> .					
The speech has been <b>organized</b> with supporting details to tell a story.					
The speech includes anecdotes and examples that <b>clarify</b> the speaker's position.					
The speech has a <b>reasonable</b> and <b>effective</b> conclusion.					
Delivery					
Speaker speaks <b>clearly</b> with appropriate vocabulary and information.					
Speaker uses <b>tone</b> , <b>speed</b> , and <b>volume</b> as tools.					
Speaker <b>appears</b> comfortable with audience.					
Speaker has <b>evidently</b> rehearsed speech and is <b>not</b> reading directly from their paper.					