

## EG 102, Public Speaking

### Public Speaking Event

\*Because you will be presenting several speeches before an audience and then submitting your speeches in Dropbox for a grade, you will attend a live public speaking event **OR** watch a televised public speaking event between now, Monday, August 29, 2022, and Sunday, September 4, 2022. Below is a list of public speaking events that you may attend. **ONLY** select **ONE!** Since you will be an active audience member, you will observe the speaker as a listener. Chapter three of your textbook discusses key factors about listening, especially when you are at a speaking engagement. Therefore, you will write a three-paragraph descriptive essay based upon what you observed from the public speaking event of your choice. **ONLY** observe **ONE** speaker, especially if there are multiple speakers at the event of your choice. Meanwhile, I have provided the details below of what you should include in each paragraph.

#### Public Speaking Event Options

- Professional Development Workshop
- Church Worship Service
- Public Seminar
- Women's Conference
- Men's Conference
- Youth Conference
- Youth Rally
- School Board Meeting
- PTA Meeting
- District Board Meeting
- Funeral
- Book Festival
- Book Launch
- Fashion Show
- Wedding Reception
- Political Debate
- Presidential Speech
- Sunday School
- Hair Show
- Black Girls Rock! Broadcast
- Class Lecture
- Banquet
- Comedy Show

\***Introduction** – First, introduce yourself, and reveal where you reside (i.e. city and state). Then, reveal the date, time, and place of the public speaking event that you selected. Also, reveal if the event was live or televised. If you chose a televised public speaking event, reveal what television network (i.e. ABC, CBS, NBC, etc.) the event appeared on. Next, reveal who the keynote

speaker was at the public speaking event. Last, explain why you chose this public speaking event.

**\*Body Paragraph** – Was the speaker dressed appropriately for the occasion? How did the speaker begin his/her speech? Did he/she use an attention-getter (i.e. a quote, a joke, a scripture, statistical data, etc.)? If so, what did he/she use to get the audience's attention? Was the audience captivated by the speaker's attention-getter? Did the speaker provide any key points? If so, what were they? Did the speaker change tones, or was he/she monotone throughout the entire speech? Was the speaker loud enough for everyone to hear him/her? How did the speaker conclude his/her speech? How long was the speech?

**\*Conclusion** – As a listener, what did you like the most about the speaker? Was he/she engaging? Did you like his/her tone? Were you impressed by his/her vocabulary? Did he/she keep your attention the entire time? Were there any distractions that caused you to divert your attention from the speaker? If so, what were the distractions? Overall, what was your lasting impression of the speaker?

Your writing assignment is due on **Sunday, September 4, 2022, by 11:59 p.m.** Upload your document in the appropriate Dropbox. Please make sure that you use Microsoft Word; otherwise, I will not be able to open your assignment. Meanwhile, your writing assignment must be written in proper MLA format. All lines must be double-spaced. Your last name and the appropriate page number must appear in the upper right-hand margin of each page. Your name, my name, the class prefix/section number/class number, and *the date that the assignment is due* must appear in the *heading* in the upper left-hand margin. There should be a title, centered. There should be no gaps between paragraphs. Each paragraph should have at least five sentences. Do not plagiarize. If you plagiarize, you will earn an automatic zero. Late submissions will not be accepted.