Extra Credit Assignment: Presidential Speech

Watch either of the following two speeches online. Read the questions below first and jot yourself some notes as you listen. You can do a “control-click” on the link and it will open up.

***Obama’s Farewell Address***

[**https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+obama+farewell+address&view=detail&mid=182370E789A52E240F20182370E789A52E240F20&FORM=VIRE**](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+obama+farewell+address&view=detail&mid=182370E789A52E240F20182370E789A52E240F20&FORM=VIRE)

***Trump’s Inauguration Speech***

[**https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+trump+inaugurationspeech&view=detail&mid=6B70864892FFFF84295C6B70864892FFFF84295C&FORM=VIRE**](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+trump+inaugurationspeech&view=detail&mid=6B70864892FFFF84295C6B70864892FFFF84295C&FORM=VIRE)

You will write an essay by using the questions below as a guide. One answer could be several sentences long and you can of course answer a question that you present to your reader (such fun). Your words and thoughts will be your own.

You must quote the speaker at least once. If you wish, you may quote other people in the news to support your ideas/arguments (this is encouraged!). You will type out your essay in 12 point type and email it to [hornek@leonschools.net](mailto:hornek@leonschools.net).

Answer three of the four questions below (you choose). Each answer should be its own paragraph of at least four sentences. Here are the same instructions in a list if it is clearer to you this way:

Instructions

-read the questions first

-watch the speech of your choice

-jot down at least one quote from the speaker

-write your essay.

-each paragraph should be four sentences minimum

-the guiding questions below are to help you organize your thoughts. Keep your writing clear. Opinions are good, angry tone is not.

-an answer to a question can be several sentences long

-you can ask your reader a question and answer it

-12-point type, 250-500 words. SPELL/GRAMMAR CHECK YOUR WRITING USING THE “ABC” ICON FOUND UNDER THE “REVIEW” HEADING. **ALWAYS** DO THIS. ☺

-it is a good idea to have a friend proofread your writing. Find out who your real friends are…

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Guiding Questions

1. What events surrounded this speech? Put it into context for your reader using the 5 Ws.

2. Was this a turning point in American or world politics and why (or why not)?

3. In what ways are the speaker’s position wise… or unwise?

4. In what ways would you change the speaker’s word choice? In what ways would you change the speaker’s method of presenting the same words?

5. If there is a main idea/theme to this speech what might it be? Why?

6. Think like the other team: in what ways would *roughly* half of the United States disagree with the speaker’s points? What examples would they use to support their dislike of this speech?

7. Rate the speech to summarize your essay. How was it effective or ineffective (did it matter)? Why?