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Ineligible selection: read in recent contest					
Last Name	First Name	Name of Speech			
Agnew	Spiro Theodore	Television News Coverage			
Anaya	Rudolfo A.	from In Commemoration: One Million Volumes			
Anthony	Susan B.	On Women's Right to Vote (Suffrage, 1873)		2016	2018-2019
Baker	Russell	Ten Ways to Avoid Mucking up the World			
Bryan	William Jennings	Against Imperialism			
Bush	Barbara Pierce	1990 Wellesley College Commencement Address (youtube)			
Byrd	Robert C.	Arrogance of Power (2003)		2015	2017-2018
Roosevelt	Jimmy Earl	A Crisis of Confidence			
Catt	Carrie Chapman	The Crisis (youtube)			
Catt	Carrie Chapman	Address to Congress on Women's Suffrage			
Chavez	Cesar Estrada	Speech on Ending His 25 Day Fast			
Chisholm	Shirley Anita	For the Equal Rights Amendment			
Churchill	Winston	We Shall Fight on the Beaches , June 4, 1940			
Churchill	Winston	Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat (1940)			
Clinton	Hillary Rodham	Women's Rights Are Human Rights			
Clinton	William Jefferson (Bill)	First Inaugural Address (1993)			
Clinton	William Jefferson (Bill)	Oklahoma Bombing Memorial Address			
Conwell	Russell	Acres of Diamonds			
Cuomo	Mario Matthew	1984 DNC Address			
Cuomo	Mario Matthew	Religious Belief and Public Morality			
Debs	Eugene Victor	The Issue			
Debs	Eugene Victor	1918 Statement to the Court			
Douglass	Frederick	The Hypocrisy of American Slavery (1852)			
Eisenhower	Dwight David	Farewell Address			

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Ephron	Nora	1996 Commencement to Wellesley College			
Faulkner	William Cuthbert	Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech (1950)			
Ferraro	Geraldine Anne	Vice-Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speech			
Fisher	Mary	A Whisper of AIDS			
Flynn	Elizabeth	Statement at the Smith Act Trial			
Ford	Gerald Rudolph	Address on Taking the Oath of Office			
Ford	Gerald Rudolph	Remarks Upon Signing a Proclamation			
Gandhi	Mohandas	Selected Letters			
Gandhi	Mohandas	An Open Letter to Hitler			
Garrison	William Lloyd	On the Death of John Brown (1859)			
Gehrig	Lou	Farewell to Baseball Address (1939)			
Glaser	Elizabeth	1992 Democratic National Convention Address			
Goldman	Emma	Address to the Jury			
Goldwater	Barry Morris	Presidential Nomination Acceptance Address			
Gore	Al	March to Conquer Cancer, 1998			
Henry	Patrick	Liberty or Death (1775)			
Hill	Anita Faye	Statement to the Senate Judiciary Committee			
Humphrey	Hubert Horatio	1948 Democratic National Convention Address			
Ickes	Harold	What is an American?			
Jackson	Jesse Louis	1988 Democratic National Convention Keynote Address			
Janning	Ernst	Ernst Janning Confession Speech			
Jobs	Steve	Commencement Address at Stanford University, (2005)		2016	2018-2019
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	We Shall Overcome			
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	The Great Society			
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	On Vietnam and Not Seeking Re-Election			
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	Let Us Continue			

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Johnson	Mrs. Lyndon Baines (Ladybird)	New Horizons for Women (1964)	1110L		
Jordan	Barbara	Statement on the Articles of Impeachment			
Jordan	Barbara	1976 DNC Keynote Address			
Kennedy	John	Inauguration Address, Jan 20, 1961			
Kennedy	Robert Francis	Remarks on the Assassination of MLK			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Address at Rice University on the Nation's Space Effort (1962)/We Choose to Go to the Moon (1962)			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Houston Ministerial Association Speech			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Ich bin ein Berliner			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	American University Commencement Address			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Civil Rights Address			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Cuban Missile Crisis Address			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Inaugural Address, Jan. 20, 1963			
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Civil Rights Address			
Kennedy	Edward Moore	Truth and Tolerance in America			
Kennedy	Edward Moore	Chappaquiddick			
Kennedy	Edward Moore	Eulogy for Robert Francis Kennedy			
Kennedy	Edward Moore	1980 Democratic National Convention Address			
King	Martin Luther	A Time to Break Silence			
King	Martin Luther	I Have A Dream			
King	Martin Luther	I've Been to the Mountaintop		2015	2017-2018
King	Martin Luther	Noble Prize Acceptance Speech (1964)			
Kyi	Aung Sang Suu	Freedom From Fear (1990)			
LaFollette	Robert Marion	Free Speech in Wartime			
Le Guin	Ursula K.	A Left-Handed Commencement Speech		2016	2018-2019
Lewis	John Llewellyn	The Rights of Labor			

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Long	Huey Pierce	Share Our Wealth			
MacArthur	General Douglas	Farewell Address to Congress			
MacArthur	General Douglas	Duty, Honor, Country			
MacArthur	General Douglas	Old Soldiers Never Die Farewell Address to Congress			
Mandela	Nelson	I am Prepared to Die (1964)			
Marshall	George Catlett	The Marshall Plan			
McCullough	David	2008 Commencement Address at Boston College			
McCullough	David	2012 Wellesley H.S. Commencement Address			
Mihn	Ho Chi	Declaration of Independence			
Minow	Newton Norman	Television and the Public Interest			
Mosse	Kate	An Impassioned Call to Action			
Murrow	Edward R	RTNDA Conventions Chicago (1958)			
Nixon	Richard Milhous	Checkers			
Nixon	Richard Milhous	Resignation Speech			
Nixon	Richard Milhous	Cambodian Incursion Address			
Nixon	Richard Milhous	Resigning the Presidency (1974)			
Obama	Barack	Illinois Senate Candidate Barack Obama (2004)			
Obama	Barack	Obama's Selma Speech (2007)		2016	2018-2019
Obama	Barack	Barack Obama Accepts Nomination for Presidency (2008)			
Obama	Barack	2009 Inaugural Address			
Parton	Dolly	Commencement Speech for UTK			
Quinette	Captain Daniel	America Needs to Wake Up			
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	Address to the Nation of the Challenger, Jan 28, 1986			
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	Shuttle "Challenger" Disaster Address			
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	First Inaugural Address			
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	The Evil Empire			

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Reagan	Ronald Wilson	Brandenburg Gate Address "Tear down this wall" speech, 1987			
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	A Time for Choosing			
Rice	Condoleezza	Keynote Address at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum			
Rice	Condoleezza	Wriston Lecture (2002)			
Richards	Dorothy Ann Willis	1988 Democratic National Convention Keynote Address (youtube)			
Roosevelt	Theodore	Duties of American Citizenship, Jan. 26, 1887			
Roosevelt	Theodore	The Man with the Muck-rake, April 14, 1906			
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1933			
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	Pearl Harbor Address to the Nation		2015	2017-2018
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	The Four Freedoms			
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	First Fireside Chat			
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	The Arsenal of Democracy			
Roosevelt	Anna Eleanor	The Struggle for Human Rights			
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	Commonwealth Club Address			
Roosevelt	Anna Eleanor	Adopting the Declaration of Human Rights			
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	First Inaugural Address: The Depression			
Sandberg	Ryan	Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Speech			
Sanger	Margaret Higgins	The Morality of Birth Control			
Sanger	Margaret Higgins	Children's Era			
Savio	Mario	Sproul Hall Sit-in Speech/An End to History			
Soltzhenitsyn	Alexander	From Nobel Lecture			
Shakespeare	William	St. Crispin Speech from Henry V			
Shaw	Anna Howard	The Fundamental Principle of a Republic			
Smith	Margaret Chase	Declaration of Conscience			
Stanton	Elizabeth Cady	The Destructive Male (1868)			
Stanton	Elizabeth Cady	Solitude of Self			

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Suzuki	Severin	United Nations Earth Summit – "the girl who silenced the world for five minutes"	1040L	2015	2017-2018
Theodora	Empress	Speech During the Invasion of Constantinople			
Truman	Harry S	The Truman Doctrine			
Twain	Mark	Advice to Youth			
Washington	George	Prevents the Revolt of his Officers (1783)			
Welch	Joseph N.	Have You No Sense of Decency			
White	E. B.	A Member of the Party of One			
Wiesel	Elie	Keep Memory Alive	1120L		
Wiesel	Elie	Close Your Eyes and Listen to the Silent Screams (1995)	960L	2016	2018-2019
Wiesel	Elie	Dedication Address			
Wiesel	Elie	The Nobel Acceptance Speech (1986)			
Wiesel	Elie	The Perils of Indifference			
Wiesel	Elie	The Opening Ceremony of the New Holocaust History Museum			
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	War Message			
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	The Fourteen Points			
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	League of Nations Final Address			
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	First Inaugural Address			
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	For the League of Nations			
Winfrey	Oprah	Commencement Address to Wellesley College (1997)		2015	2017-2018
X	Malcolm	Message to Grassroots			