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Ineligible selection: read in recent contest					
Last Name	First Name	Name of Speech			
Agnew	Spiro Theodore	Television News Coverage	1300		
Anaya	Rudolfo A.	from In Commemoration: One Million Volumes	1100		
Anthony	Susan B.	On Women's Right to Vote (Suffrage, 1873)	1200		
Baker	Russell	Ten Ways to Avoid Mucking up the World	1000		
Bryan	William Jennings	Against Imperialism	13-1500		
Bush	Barbara Pierce	1990 Wellesley College Commencement Address (youtube)	900		
Byrd	Robert C.	Arrogance of Power (2003)	1100		
Carter	Jimmy Earl	A Crisis of Confidence	10-1200		
Catt	Carrie Chapman	The Crisis (youtube)	1200		
Catt	Carrie Chapman	Address to Congress on Women's Suffrage	1300		
Chavez	Cesar Estrada	Speech on Ending His 25 Day Fast	1000		
Chisholm	Shirley Anita	For the Equal Rights Amendment	1300		
Churchill	Winston	We Shall Fight on the Beaches , June 4, 1940	1500		
Churchill	Winston	Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat (1940)	1200		
Clinton	Hillary Rodham	Women's Rights Are Human Rights	1300		
Clinton	William Jefferson (Bill)	First Inaugural Address (1993)	1000		
Clinton	William Jefferson (Bill)	Oklahoma Bombing Memorial Address	1100		
Conwell	Russell	Acres of Diamonds	1200		
Cuomo	Mario Matthew	1984 DNC Address	10-1200		
Cuomo	Mario Matthew	Religious Belief and Public Morality	1200		
Debs	Eugene Victor	The Issue	1500		
Debs	Eugene Victor	1918 Statement to the Court	12-1500		
Douglass	Frederick	The Hypocrisy of American Slavery (1852)	1200		

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Eisenhower	Dwight David	Farewell Address	11-1300		
Eisenhower	Dwight David	Atoms for Peace	1400	2019	2021-22
Ephron	Nora	1996 Commencement to Wellesley College	1000	2020	2022-23
Faulkner	William Cuthbert	Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech (1950)	1200		
Ferraro	Geraldine Anne	Vice-Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speech	1000		
Fisher	Mary	A Whisper of AIDS	950	2020	2022-23
Flynn	Elizabeth	Statement at the Smith Act Trial	1200		
Ford	Gerald Rudolph	Address on Taking the Oath of Office	1150		
Ford	Gerald Rudolph	Remarks Upon Signing a Proclamation	1250		
Gaiman	Neil	134th Commencement at the University of the Arts	900-1000	2019	2021-22
Gandhi	Mohandas	An Open Letter to Hitler	1050		
Garrison	William Lloyd	On the Death of John Brown (1859)	950		
Gehrig	Lou	Farewell to Baseball Address (1939)	950		
Glaser	Elizabeth	1992 Democratic National Convention Address	950		
Goldman	Emma	Address to the Jury	1200		
Goldwater	Barry Morris	Presidential Nomination Acceptance Address	1150		
Gore	Al	March to Conquer Cancer, 1998	950		
Henry	Patrick	Liberty or Death (1775)	00900		
Hill	Anita Faye	Statement to the Senate Judiciary Committee	1050		
Humphrey	Hubert Horatio	1948 Democratic National Convention Address	1250		
Ickes	Harold	What is an American?	1000		
Jobs	Steve	Commencement Address at Stanford University, (2005)	1000		
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	We Shall Overcome	1050		
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	The Great Society	1000		
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	On Vietnam and Not Seeking Re-Election	1200		
Johnson	Lyndon Baines	Let Us Continue	1200		

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Johnson	Mrs. Lyndon Baines (Ladybird)	New Horizons for Women (1964)	1110L		
Jolie	Angelina	2009 World Refugee Day Speech	1050		
Jordan	Barbara	Statement on the Articles of Impeachment	1050		
Jordan	Barbara	1976 DNC Keynote Address	950		
Kennedy	Robert Francis	Remarks on the Assassination of MLK	1150		
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Address at Rice University on the Nation's Space Effort (1962)/We Choose to Go to the Moon (1962)	1400		
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Houston Ministerial Association Speech	1500		
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Ich bin ein Berliner	1350		
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	American University Commencement Address	1300		
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Civil Rights Address	1350		
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Cuban Missile Crisis Address	11-1400		
Kennedy	John Fitzgerald	Inaugural Address, Jan. 20, 1961	1250		
Kennedy	Edward Moore	Truth and Tolerance in America	1150		
Kennedy	Edward Moore	Chappaquiddick	1400		
Kennedy	Edward Moore	Eulogy for Robert Francis Kennedy	1050		
Kennedy	Edward Moore	1980 Democratic National Convention Address	1150		
King	Martin Luther	A Time to Break Silence	1200		
King	Martin Luther	I Have A Dream	1200		
King	Martin Luther	I've Been to the Mountaintop	870		
King	Martin Luther	Noble Prize Acceptance Speech (1964)	1250		
Kyi	Aung Sang Suu	Freedom From Fear (1990)	1450		
LaFollette	Robert Marion	Free Speech in Wartime	1500		
Lamott	Anne	2003 Commencement Speech at UC Berkeley		2020	2022-23
Le Guin	Ursula K.	A Left Handed Commencement Speech	900	2019	2021-22
Lewis	John Llewellyn	The Rights of Labor	1250		

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Long	Huey Pierce	Every Man a King	1150		
Long	Huey Pierce	Share Our Wealth	1150		
MacArthur	General Douglas	Farewell Address to Congress	1350		
MacArthur	General Douglas	Duty, Honor, Country	1200		
Mandela	Nelson	I am Prepared to Die (1964)	1200		
Marshall	George Catlett	The Marshall Plan	1300		
McCullough	David	2008 Commencement Address at Boston College	950		
McCullough	David	2012 Wellesley H.S. Commencement Address	1150		
Mihn	Ho Chi	Declaration of Independence	1250		
Minow	Newton Norman	Television and the Public Interest	1050		
Murrow	Edward R	RTNDA Conventions Chicago (1958)	1200		
Nixon	Richard Milhous	Checkers	1000		
Nixon	Richard Milhous	Resignation Speech	1300		
Nixon	Richard Milhous	Cambodian Incursion Address	1200		
Obama	Barack	Illinois Senate Candidate Barack Obama (2004) DNC Keynote	1150		
Obama	Barack	Obama's Selma Speech (2007)	1150		
Obama	Barack	Barack Obama Accepts Nomination for Presidency (2008)	1250		
Obama	Barack	2009 Inaugural Address	1150	2020	2022-23
Parton	Dolly	Commencement Speech for UTK	1050		
Quinette	Captain Daniel	America Needs to Wake Up	1150		
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	Address to the Nation of the Challenger, Jan 28, 1986	900		
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	Shuttle "Challenger" Disaster Address	1150		
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	First Inaugural Address	1100		
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	The Evil Empire	1250		
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	40th Anniversary of D-Day Address	1000		
Reagan	Ronald Wilson	Brandenburg Gate Address "Tear down this wall" speech, 1987	1100		

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Reagan	Ronald Wilson	A Time for Choosing	1200		
Rice	Condoleezza	Keynote Address at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum	1150		
Rice	Condoleezza	Wriston Lecture (2002)	1150		
Richards	Dorothy Ann Willis	1988 Democratic National Convention Keynote Address (youtube)	1050		
Roosevelt	Theodore	Duties of American Citizenship, Jan. 26, 1887	1250		
Roosevelt	Theodore	The Man with the Muck-rake, April 14, 1906	1350		
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1933	1150		
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	Pearl Harbor Address to the Nation	1350		
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	The Four Freedoms	1250		
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	First Fireside Chat	1350		
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	The Arsenal of Democracy	1200		
Roosevelt	Anna Eleanor	The Struggle for Human Rights	1250		
Roosevelt	Franklin Delano	Commonwealth Club Address	1150		
Roosevelt	Anna Eleanor	Adopting the Declaration of Human Rights	1350		
Sandberg	Ryan	Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Speech	1050		
Sanger	Margaret Higgins	The Morality of Birth Control	1100		
Sanger	Margaret Higgins	Children's Era	1150		
Savio	Mario	Sproul Hall Sit-in Speech/An End to History	950		
Soltzhenitsyn	Alexander	From Nobel Lecture	1250		
Shakespeare	William	St. Crispin Speech from Henry V	950		
Shaw	Anna Howard	The Fundamental Principle of a Republic	1300		
Smith	Margaret Chase	Declaration of Conscience	1300		
Stanton	Elizabeth Cady	The Destructive Male (1868)	1400		
Stanton	Elizabeth Cady	Solitude of Self	1100		
Steinem	Gloria	Living the Revolution (Vassar Commencement)	1200		
Steiner	Leslie Morgan	Why Domestic Violence Victims Never Leave	11-1200	2019	2021-2022

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Suzuki	Severin	United Nations Earth Summit "the girl who silenced the world for five minutes"	1040		
Theodora	Empress	Speech During the Invasion of Constantinople	950		
Truman	Harry S	The Truman Doctrine	1150		
Twain	Mark	Advice to Youth	1050	2020	2022-23
Washington	George	Prevents the Revolt of his Officers (1783)	1250		
Wallace	David Foster	This is Water (Kenyon College Commencement)	1200		
Wiesel	Elie	Keep Memory Alive	1120L		
Wiesel	Elie	Close Your Eyes and Listen to the Silent Screams (1995)	960L	2019	2021-22
Wiesel	Elie	Dedication Address	1000		
Wiesel	Elie	The Perils of Indifference	950		
Wiesel	Elie	Dartmouth Commencement Address	900		
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	War Message	1500		
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	The Fourteen Points	1300		
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	League of Nations Final Address	1400		
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	First Inaugural Address	1350		
Wilson	Thomas Woodrow	For the League of Nations	1300		
Winfrey	Oprah	Commencement Address to Wellesley College (1997)	1200		
X	Malcolm	Message to Grassroots	870		