



"Say It Plain...Say It Loud!"

(American Public Media, 2021)

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TIMING

2 – 3 hours

OVERVIEW

Speech...powerful themes and ideology have been pursued, supported and shared via oratorical expression. It has always been a valuable and influential medium of communication that has both reformed and impacted various facets of our history, culture and individualized perspectives.

In this assignment we will actively listen, explore, reflect and introspectively interpret public speeches presented by famous African-Americans on subjects of racial inequality, injustice and humanistic principles...in today's world.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL LEARN AND CREATE

- Evaluate famous speeches (via podcasts) given by famous African-American orators regarding topics of civil injustices, racial inequality, disparity of humane interaction, etc.,
- Reflect and expound on the *impact* these speeches would have during the time the speech was given.
- Critique and compare context, phrases and other components of the famous speeches from past and present perspectives.
- Produce an artifact that reflects a personal perspective of TODAY's current events.
- Design a social media post using Adobe Spark Post to share the constructed artifact.

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

- Adobe Spark login:
 - Goto <https://spark.adobe.com/>
 - Choose school account and'

- Login with your PWCS school credentials (i.e., username/password)
 - Example of [Artifact](#).
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INSTRUCTIONS

LEARN AND EXPLORE:

STEP 1

You will go the following link:

<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/blackspeech/>

STEP 2

Listen to **both** podcasts – (*in their entirety*):

- "Say It Plain;" and
 - "Say it Loud"
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CREATE:

The Past...

STEP 1

Select a person from each column, read their history *and* review their speech. Take a moment... imagine you were present during the time this speech was given.

STEP 2

Reflect and define which words, phrase(s) from the speech were the most significant to you personally, ("What spoke to you?") and *why*?

The Present...

STEP 3

Provide a "visual" depiction of your interpretation of these words or phrase(s) in TODAY's context of current events. (*e.g., educational disparity, systemic inequality, Black Lives Matters" movement, etc.,*). Illustrate your interpretation of the "message" with imagery, (*i.e., a flyer, collage, presentation, etc.,*)** -- utilizing **Adobe Spark post**.

STEP 4

Write a brief explanation (1 paragraph) of what you were trying to convey and why you chose your elements (i.e, drawings, photos, etc.)** and submit to **Adobe Spark post**

****PLEASE NOTE: You will “cite” all of your resources using the APA format.**

FEEDBACK

This assignment will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Creative design
- Demonstrates an understanding of the themes in the work
- Project is engagingly organized and presents material that is captivating for the viewer.
- Grammatical or mechanical mistakes (this counts for the EXPLANATION ONLY).

SHARE

You will upload your artifact and explanation and share it with your teacher and peers with **Adobe Spark post**.

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