Graduation Speech

Speech

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You are to write and deliver a 5 minute graduation speech

Keep in mind, the TIME of this will be monitored very closely. If you are under 4 minutes, expect your grade to suffer immensely

Most grad speeches center on an extended metaphor or theme, which is kept throughout.

Figure out what you want your message to be and then center the entire speech around it, complete with theme and metaphor. Be clever how you write this, as you should include anecdotes, allusions to things in history, etc.

Take some notes here and be as detailed as possible as you set out on an initial brainstorming session.

1. What do you want your theme/lesson to be and why? If given a chance to talk to your class at graduation, what would you say? Why?

2. What are some metaphors that could help your speech? For example, if your lesson is to always given 1% more than you think you can, perhaps one of your metaphors could be that of an ant who is known to carry upwards of 200x its own weight. Can you come up with a few? List them and detail them

3. What are 2 or 3 anecdotes or stories you would add to your speech to help propel the theme? List and detail them.

4. On a separate sheet of paper, begin writing. Have a great hook and then get into the meat of the speech. Staple the sheet to this cover sheet.