

The First Americans

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Part One: Thesis

Thesis statement: A sentence that reveals what an entire essay, article, speech, etc. will discuss/prove (It is basically a topic sentence but for the whole text.)

1. Knowing that a thesis statement is usually in the introduction/beginning of the a text, write down the one sentence verbatim (word for word) that you believe best acts as a thesis for this speech.
2. Additionally, it is common for a thesis to be restated at the end of a text. Therefore, looking at the end of the speech, write down the one sentence verbatim that you believe best acts as a thesis restatement. Hint: it should be saying essentially the same things as the sentence you chose for the introduction.

Part Two: Arguments

Persuasion: to convince an audience to believe what you want them to believe or to act as you want them to act

3. This is a persuasive speech. As such, it is comprised of a number of arguments, some strong and convincing, some weak and unconvincing. Find and write down three arguments from the speech that you find especially strong/convincing in helping to prove their point. Then explain why each one is actually convincing/strong.

i.

Why it's strong:

ii.

Why it's strong:

iii.

Why it's strong

4. Now find and write down three arguments from the speech that you find especially weak/unconvincing in helping to prove their point. Then explain why each one is actually unconvincing/weak.

- i.

Why it's weak:

- ii.

Why it's weak:

- iii.

Why it's weak:

Part Three: Audience Awareness

Intended audience: the person/people that the essay, article, or speech is specifically designed to inform, persuade or entertain.

5. Who is the intended audience for this speech?

6. Find at least one instance in which the speech might be found potentially offensive to the intended audience and explain why you believe this.
 - Instance of offense:

 - Reason for offense:

Part Four: Evaluation

7. Tell whether you believe the speech is effective or not in persuading its intended audience. Fully explain your reasoning for your opinion, giving specific evidence where appropriate.