

## HP English 10 - Summer Assignment

Students will begin to understand the significance of word choice by analyzing two different speeches about a terrorist attack on the United States.

First, read Franklin Delano Roosevelt's address to the nation after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and other American territories. The following will link you to the speech as well as video of the speech: <https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fdrpearlharbor.htm>.

Second, read George W. Bush's "Address of Congress, September 20, 2001" which occurred after the terrorist bombings by Al Qaeda. The link will provide the text of the speech and a video: <https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gwbush911jointsessionspeech.htm>.

Write three paragraphs showing similarities and differences between the speeches. Discuss theme, word choice, and whether or not the argument focuses on causation or emotional appeal.

- Causation: Speaker uses a cause-and-effect relationship to support a point.
- Emotional Appeal: Speaker uses examples and language that appeal to the audience's emotions.

Paragraph one should outline the primary focus of the speeches. Provide a thesis which states what the purpose of the writing will be. Underline the thesis.

Paragraph two should focus on similarities and use at least two examples from each speech.

Paragraph three should focus on differences and use at least two examples from each speech.

This will be turned in on the first day of class.