

# Famous Historical Speeches

Pericles, "Pericles' Funeral Oration" – Fifth Century B.C.  
Socrates, "Apology" – 399 B.C.  
Demosthenes, "The Third Philippic" – 342 B.C.  
Alexander the Great, "Speech of Alexander the Great" – 326 B.C.  
Marcus Tullius Cicero, "The First Oration Against Catiline" – 63 B.C.  
Pope Urban II, "Urban II Speech at Clermont" – 1095  
Patrick Henry, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" – 1775  
William Wilberforce, "Abolition Speech" – 1789  
Sojourner Truth, "Ain't I A Woman?" – 1851  
Frederick Douglass, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" – 1852  
Abraham Lincoln, "Gettysburg Address" – 1863  
Abraham Lincoln, "Second Inaugural Address" – 1865  
Chief Joseph, "Surrender Speech" – 1877  
Emmeline Pankhurst, "Freedom or Death" – 1913  
Lou Gehrig, "Farewell to Baseball Address" – 1931  
William Lyon Phelps, "The Pleasure of Books" – 1933  
Theodore Roosevelt, "The Man with the Muck-rake" – 1906  
Theodore Roosevelt, "Citizenship in a Republic" – 1910  
Theodore Roosevelt, "Strength and Decency" – n.d.  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "First Inaugural Address" – 1933  
Theodore Roosevelt, "Duties of American Citizenship" – 1939  
Charles de Gaulle, "The Appeal of 18 June" – 1940  
Winston Churchill, "Their Finest Hour" – 1940  
Winston Churchill, "Blood, Sweat, and Tears" – 1940  
Winston Churchill, "We Shall Fight on the Beaches" – 1940  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "Pearl Harbor Address to the Nation" – 1941  
Mahatma Gandhi, "Quit India" – 1942  
William Faulkner, "Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech" – 1950  
General Douglas MacArthur, "Farewell Address to Congress" – 1951  
John F. Kennedy, "Inaugural Address" – 1961  
John F. Kennedy, "The Decision to Go to the Moon" – 1961  
Dwight D. Eisenhower, "Farewell Address" – 1961  
General Douglas MacArthur, "Duty, Honor, Country" – 1962  
Martin Luther King, Jr., "I Have A Dream" – 1963  
Nelson Mandela, "I Am the First Accused" - 1964  
Ronald Reagan, "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day" – 1984  
Ronald Reagan, "Address to the Nation on the Challenger" – 1986  
Ronald Reagan, "Remarks at the Brandenburg Gate" – 1987

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## Famous Historical Speech Analysis

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete each of the fields below. Be prepared to discuss your findings in a large-class discussion. Each field is worth four points.

Speech 1	Speech 2
Title of speech:	Title of speech:
Speaker:	Speaker:
Date of speech:	Date of speech:
Brief summary of historical context:	Brief summary of historical context:
<b>Goals of speaker</b>	
What do you feel was achieved by the speech?	
What do you feel the audience wanted in the speech?	
What rewards could be gained from the speech?	

<b>Speech Value</b>	
Why is the speech valuable?	
What can the speech include to improve its value for today?	
<b>Imagery</b>	
Which words or phrases produce visual imagery?	
<b>Emotional appeal</b>	
Does the speech evoke strong emotions or feelings? Why or why not?	
Which key phrases or terms produce feelings?	
<b>Techniques</b>	
Which special literary techniques are used?	