

Third Quarter Performance Task: Critique Paper

"We need to be gritty, about getting our kids grittier."

Speech Title: Grit: The Strongest Predictor of Success

Speaker: Angela Duckworth

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Summary of the Video:

The speech of Angela Duckworth talked about grit. She started her speech about grit through telling her stories and experiences in her past job, teaching. She shared her experience regarding her students. She stated that her students are struggling and not doing well, even the smart and more capable children aren't doing so well. After studying in the field of psychology and human emotions, Angela Duckworth learned the defining aspect of success and the reason as to why children give up and lose motivation. She concluded that the problem doesn't come from the lack of IQ, but rather the lack of motivation and grit. She goes on by telling that IQ and grit are two separate things and that IQ and other aspects don't determine one's success but rather grit. She then proceeds to talk more about grit and talks about its importance to people, most importantly students. She talked about the growth mindset and how it can help develop grit in one's life. She then ended her speech by stating that we need to measure success through being gritty. We need to be gritty about getting our kids grittier.

Speech Content:

INTRODUCTION: (HOW DID THE SPEECH START?)

The speech started in a straightforward manner. Completely straight to the point in order to convey the message of the speech earlier. The speaker chose to start the speech by telling a story. She stated that she pursued education and started teaching seventh graders in math. The issue was then introduced when the speaker talked about the grades of her students. To generalize, her students didn't do well. She even stated that her smart students struggled. She stated that she studied psychology and conducted studies in order to know the reason behind this phenomenon that's bugging her. After her studies, she finally reached her conclusion as to why her students and the people that she observed on her studies struggled. She proposed the idea that they lack grit. She then proceeded to talk about grit, the speech's main focus.

Speech Content:

BODY: (WHAT ARE THE MAIN POINTS?)

After her introduction, she talked mainly about grit in the body of her speech. She stated that grit is passion and the ability to stick and persevere to achieve long term goals. She told a story about her studying grit and testing grit through observing high school students. She concluded and proven that grittier kids have a higher chance to graduate. She then made a point that grit matters significantly in school, especially for the students with risks of dropping out. She also stated that grit is unrelated or even inversely related to measures of talent as she stated that she has seen many individuals with great talent but failed due to the lack of commitment, the lack of grit. In the end, the grittier kids have a higher chance of success, because they develop the growth mindset, a mindset that teaches people that failures are nothing but temporary obstacles. Therefore, failures don't stay and it allows people to grow more.

Speech Content:

CONCLUSION: (HOW DID THE SPEECH END?)

The speech ended with its message, signifying that grit is an aspect of life we must possess as an individual. As a student or a parent, we must possess grit in order to overcome adversaries and make the people around us grittier. Just like what the speaker said, "We need to be gritty about getting our kids grittier."

Delivery and Skills Technique:

(WHAT ARE THE BEST/WORST DELIVERY SKILLS/TECHNIQUES OF THE SPEAKER?)

A good speaker needs to have good enthusiasm just like Angela Duckworth. The speech started off as normal with a little bit of humor in the beginning. It was obvious that her speech was going to be magnificent based on how she was delivering her speech. The speaker was so enthusiastic in delivering her speech, her face was full of enthusiasm and she was smiling confidently while speaking. She was able to keep the audience listening to her throughout the speech and she was like talking to us directly. It was her voice that kept the audience awake and interested in her speech.

She was easily understandable and the way she uses her voice was amazing. She was able to speak loud enough for the audience to hear her and she was able to deliver the speech without any error and was able to emphasize certain important parts of the speech distinctly. No visual aids were shown in her speech but she was still able to deliver her speech magnificently. She was showing good gestures while speaking to the audience and the way she delivered her gestures with the speech was really well organized and very sincere. Minimal humor was shown in her speech because she was really focused on the topic but she was still able to add some good humor to her speech that made the audience entertained. Her chosen words that were used in the speech were very intelligent. She was able to deliver some humor near the end that made the audience have a good laugh. Her speech contained good finishing lines and the speech ended with a round of applause.

Bias/Prejudice:

**(DID THE SPEAKER SHOW ANY BIAS?
WHY? WHY NOT?)**

The speaker of the Ted Talk did not show any biases to the topic and the talk she provided to the audience. She focuses mostly on the children's development upon education and life, by giving advice and ideas she was able to give information about the importance of improvements. The way the speaker tries to understand the characteristics and capabilities of each student becomes more relatable to the actual situation of the education system. The speaker was once a Teacher and she didn't focus on the students who have High IQ or smart students, but she gives more attention to all of the students on how they will be able to improve in life and how they could apply skills to the real world. Explaining 'Grit' also applied ideas to the thoughts of the audience. What was the purpose of having high IQ or great remarks but you could not apply these to life? In what way could these students be more successful in life, this was what the speaker was really trying to say. She didn't focus to the students IQ, but she focused more on the success and the development of her students that could bring them improvements in future life.

Ted Talk Review:

((WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS VIDEO TO FELLOW STUDENTS? EXPLAIN.))

To conclude, we highly recommend this speech of Angela Duckworth to fellow students about the importance of grit and its influence to success. The speech gave the audience an eye opener to the possibilities they can achieve with the essence of having grit. The speech is directed towards everyone, but the impact is much greater to students that are still in the development stage of their growth to success. Students are bound to mistakes, but have grit to learn and take your failure as an opportunity to grow.