

Grit: The Strongest Predictor of Success

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Summary

Angela a former math teacher, and now a graduated psychologist, talks about the effects of grit, and how to make kids be "grittier" as she says it.

Grit is passion and perseverance, something that focuses on your future. No matter the looks, no matter the IQ, no matter the physical health, Angela stated that the ones who came out victorious in their chosen paths was because of the grit they possess, and to make kids grittier, parents must be gritty.

Audience

this speech was performed at Ted-talks. Most audience were adults, most of them probably are parents, and teachers, because the way she targeted kids on how to make them grittier. But this can also apply to a leader targeting his subordinates to be grittier in their tasks. The audience was large, filled with adults.

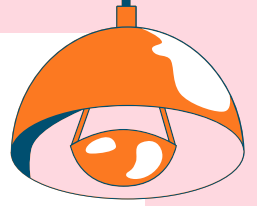
SPEECH OBJECTIVES

*To educate people about 'grit', what it is? and why is it important to the world

*Her studies on grit to support argument

*How to make kids or people be gritty



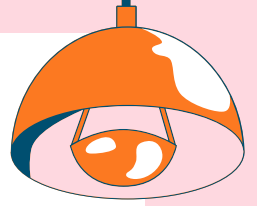


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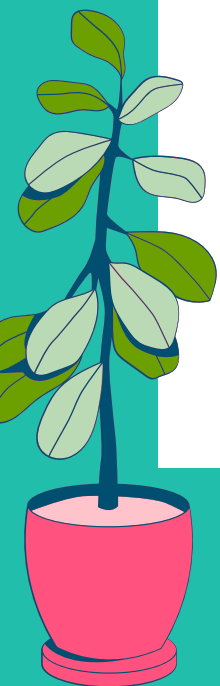
Angela started the speech by telling her story on how she dropped a job, to become a teacher, then later she dropped it to study psychology, and backstories are always welcomed. Now would I say this is a memorable opening? No, does it require being memorable? No, presentation wise it was not clear at first until the 3 minute mark of the video where all things made sense now.

The speech was really easy to follow, and interesting to listen to, with transitions not being expected, which makes following easier. She further strengthens her argument by providing statistics, by giving grit questionnaires on high school juniors in the Chicago public school.





Angela started to end the speech, in an obvious way by saying “And that’s where I’m going to end my remarks” she then follows it up by summarizing everything she has told, not memorable, yet it does the job of being concise and clean.



DELIVERY SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES

The way Angela delivered her speech was amazing, a voice that can be heard clearly, full of enthusiasm, and it catches attentions really well. The way her tone sounds, tells that she has been waiting to tell this, she wanted this to happen, hence why her tone sounded enthusiastic.

There were not many interactions in the audience, as the speaker never asked a question to the audience, hence why there was no interaction between audience and speaker.

The use of visual aids was not present and only Angela's voice was the one giving us information on the speech and they were easy to understand given the pacing was just the right amount. The use of Rhetorical devices were also implemented, specifically a 'Simile' with the use of 'like'. Angela used the stage really well, to make eye contact with the audience as she speaks in a clear way with the right amount of pace, and her language being appropriate in all ages with no unnecessary complicated words such as Perepodvypodvert. Her gestures also appear normal and were easy to see since the stage was lower than the view of the audience.

Bias and prejudice

No, Angela never showed bias, she clearly stated "One characteristic emerged as a significant predictor of success, and it wasn't social intelligence, it wasn't good looks, physical health, and it wasn't IQ. It was grit"

Intangibles

When she said that grit was unrelated or inversely related to your talents, it made me look at my Mathematics, and Sciences, yes I do like these subjects, but would I really invest in them as much as writing, and drawing?

That is why I was convinced in everything Angela spoke, you cannot move forward without a reason, and grit is passion and perseverance that works for many years to come, and I when I got a glance at my drawings in the past yesterday, i realized that I have gotten better over the years, all thanks for something I have not known then, until now I learned things from this speech.

Not just Angela, I am open to more ted-talks, some new ideas to be inserted by brain, with different ideas and techniques.

Ted talk Review

I am recommending this to parents more than students but if it is the students then a yes is the answer, they can learn a thing or two in this speech about grit but not only that if they ever want to learn public speaking then this is also a good video to take notes and references from in terms of hand gestures, voice, and eye contact. 9 out of 10