**25 Articulate and Eloquent Wordsmiths**

**Overview:** Below is an incomplete list of speakers who are renowned for their rich vocabularies, skilled command of language, and quick wit. While there are many more articulate orators of centuries past not included on this list, it’s important to listen to the speaker’s words in the spirit in which they were intended to be received. Thus, I’ve chosen speakers of which there are plentiful video and audio recordings of their original orations available on YouTube and Spotify.

Remember, the topics are not to be the primary focus of attention when listening to these speakers. Instead, focus is on the vocabulary patterns in how these skilled communicators communicate. Take note of the words and phrases they use to get their message across, how they structure their sentences, the rhythm and intonation they characterize their words with, and their usage (or lack thereof) of pauses and silence. In no particular order, here is the list of wordsmiths:

1. Christopher Hitchens 14) Ronald Reagan
2. Milton Friedman 15) David Foster Wallace
3. Sadhguru 16) Mahatma Gandhi
4. Tony Robbins 17) Jane Goodall
5. Jimmy Carr 18) Rod Serling
6. Barack Obama 19) Winston Churchill
7. Martin Luther King Jr 20) Steve Jobs
8. Malala Yousafzai 21) JK Rowling
9. Brene Brown 22) Frank Sinatra
10. John F. Kennedy 23) Nick Vijicic
11. Carl Sagan 24) Zig Zigler
12. Simon Sinek 25) Mel Robbins
13. Steve Jobs 26) Stephen Fry