Introductory Speech Outline – “Dear Mama” -Tupac Shakur

General Purpose: To inform/honor

Specific Purpose: After hearing my speech, the audience will understand the importance of this song and acknowledging single mothers.

Introduction

1. Attention Getter: Have you ever felt deep appreciation for your mother’s sacrifice?
2. Connect to Audience: I am sure many of your or people close to you have grown up with single mothers.
3. Credibility: I have the courage to stand here and speak about the struggles I experienced the past 3 years and how it has affected my mother.
4. Thesis: Single parenting is difficult, and it is important to acknowledge the sacrifices a mother makes.
5. Preview: Today I will talk to you about this wonderful song that addressed the issue of single parenting, how it relates to me and how it relates to all of you.

Body

1. In Tupac Shakur’s song, “Dear Mama” he encourages the audience to really take some time to acknowledge the sacrifices mothers make for their children.
2. This song was a homage to his mother.
3. He grew up in poverty as his mother battled with a drug addiction.
4. Shakur argues that his love and respect for his mother outweighs any of his bad memories.
5. This song was released on February 21, 1995, as the lead single of his album “Me Against the World”.
6. Tupac Shakur was born on June 16, 1971, in East Harlem, New York.
7. He passed away on September 13, 1996, at the age of 25.
8. Some of Tupac’s most popular songs consisted of, “All Eyes on Me”, “Changes”, “California Love” and many more.

Transition: Now that you all know what the song is about, I will talk about how it relates to me.

1. How does this song relate to me?
2. This song really speaks about all the important things mothers do.
3. As for me, my mother has always been my hero.
4. Sadly, she became a single mother a few years back and worked really hard to continue to push my brother and I.
5. The struggles of seeing my mother lost and sad has always motivated me to really strive for greatness in order to give back to her one day.
6. Overall, I am so grateful for all of things my mother has done.

Transition: Now that you know how this song relates to me, I will show you how it relates to you as well.

1. This song can relate to those who have come from a struggling family or have been left with a single parent.
2. Not everything comes easy in life, and something that you cannot control but we should enjoy who we are and what we can control.
3. Every story is different, but we should appreciate those who help and sacrifice for us.

Conclusion

1. Signal to Close: In conclusion,
2. Summary of main points: I talked about the importance of the song, “Dear Mama”, how it relates to me and how it relates to all of you.
3. Restate thesis: Single parenting is difficult, and it is important to acknowledge the sacrifices a mother makes.
4. Concluding remark: “I finally understand for a woman, It aint easy trying to raise a young man, You always was committed” -Tupac Shakur