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ASSIGNMENT 2

1.Obama presents himself like a normal person, the one that has modest family. He says that his father “was a foreign student, born and raised in a small village” and he tells the love story about his parents, the ones that shared “an abiding faith in the possibilities of this nation”. He tries to get closure to the soul and mind of the people that support him, sharing a little part of his life story.

2. The storytelling at the beginning is meant to set the stage for the speech that the speaker is to present. He brings his audience closer by highlighting his American origins and his debt to his country. These stories are presented as a proof of sincerity for the public.

3. The speech is effective just because Obama likes story and loves antitheses or contrasts. He highlights the fact that we are the same, there is one America despite the religion or nation “There is not a Black America and a White America and Latino America and Asian America -- there’s the United States of America”. The role of antitheses is to strengthen the presented idea, to convinced people that he is honest.

4. The details used by the speaker create an authentic and real speaking. Obama creates his entire speech based on his sincerity, and so these details that he uses are essential to win the public's heart. The details give him the advantage of a deep voice because they make the speech more convincing.

5. The word repeated at the end of the speech is “Hope” (Hope -- Hope in the face of difficulty. Hope in the face of uncertainty. The audacity of hope!). Obama wants to be understood, that he wants an united nation, a nation that has hope and trust their leader.

6. The register used by Obama is semi-formal, as he tries to get closer to the audience. He even uses expressions like 'let's do it', to express his naturalness in his speech. His speech is not a formal one, and that can be seen from the repetitions that he makes ('In the end - In the end - In the end) or the words of connection that he uses.

7. Obama uses hand gestures and that thing makes him more charismatic and lively. Using the thumb and index finger, he wants to highlight the important things. He do not use an amount of movements because he will look anxious , and a leader need to be very confident in himself.

8. The speaker won the audience with his sincerity. Obama is a talented speaker who knows how to control the public. The audience couldn't get enough of him. Through his speech he tried to bring together all categories of people who listened to him using words such as: 'together', 'all of us'.

9. My opinion is that I am confident and determinated, just like the speaker. I like to be heard by the people, to make my own opinion and to succeed in what I propose. I want to be honest with the people that have trust in me and reach to their heart.

10. The two texts are similar both in message and structure. Both Obama's speech and the excerpt use repetitions to clarify the main ideas of the speech. Also, they convey to the public confidence and hope by using words like: 'I have a dream' or 'I believe'.