

Critique Paper Third Quarter PT	
Speech Title:	Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance
Speaker:	Angela Lee Duckworth
Summary of the Video:	<p>Angela Lee Duckworth gave a speech explaining her theory of grit as a predictor of success and how IQ isn't the only thing separating her successful students from those who were having a hard time.</p> <p>In the speech, she explains that "grit," or "passion and perseverance for very long-term goals," is a significant predictor of success in school-aged students, military cadets, salespeople, teachers working in challenging neighborhoods, and other contexts, and that this characteristic is more important than talent or intelligence (IQ) for success.</p> <p>These questions led her to graduate school, where she studied and became a psychologist who researched children and adults in a variety of tough environments to understand who was successful and why.</p> <p>"One attribute emerged as a substantial predictor of success" across these diverse circumstances, and it wasn't "social intelligence, good looks, physical health, or IQ – it was grit." Her research took her to Chicago Public Schools, where she discovered that "grittier youngsters were more likely to graduate even when matched with criteria like family income, standardized achievement levels, or whether they felt safe at school."</p> <p>"A growth mindset is a concept that one's ability to learn isn't fixed," she explains. "When young people learn about the brain and how it evolves in response to challenges, they are more willing to persevere when they fail because they don't feel failure is a permanent state," she says, citing Dr. Dweck's research.</p> <p>Leaders in Myanmar are likely to be familiar with grit, even if they don't call it that. Myanmar's leaders have previously shown that they can persevere in the face of adversity. We may develop grit as leaders in numerous professions, whether we're dealing with adolescents or the elderly, disabled populations, or business leaders, by adopting a growth mindset and channeling our passions toward achieving our objectives.</p> <p>"We need to test and measure our best ideas, strongest intuitions," Angela Lee Duckworth says. We must be willing to</p>

	fail, to make mistakes, and to start afresh with the knowledge we have gained."
<p>Speech Content:</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <p>(How did the speech start?)</p> <p>Body:</p> <p>(What were the main points?)</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>(How did the speech end?)</p>	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>She started off her speech by telling the audience a story about how she left her job in management consulting and how she opted to pursue a career in teaching, mainly the subject Mathematics for 7th Graders. She then proceeded to give her speech about “grit”.</p> <p>Body:</p> <p>The primary section of the speech discusses the speech's core themes and concepts. Angel Lee Duckworth said that the attribute towards success is not about intelligence and appearance but by passion and tenacity. The primary goal is to convey the idea that one's IQ level is not a determining factor in one's achievement. The second idea is that everything is possible for a child who works hard. "Grit" is a skill that can be learned. It is the capacity of an individual to strive for decades on end to prepare for the future, to make a project a success. Although IQ is vital in attaining high grades and marks, I believe that persistence is a far more important factor in achieving success. Another point is that failing is only an element of the development mindset since it teaches us that failure isn't a permanent state. You can also adopt grit for it is an ability that can be improved and developed.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Angela ended her remarks by saying that a growth mindset is a great idea for building grit, however, we need more. We need more than just having a growth mindset. She also stated that we need to take our best ideas and our strongest intuitions for us to test them. We need to measure whether we’ve been successful or are we still not. We need to have the willingness to be wrong or to fail so that we can start over again, but this time, with lessons learned.</p>

<p>Delivery Skills and Techniques</p> <p>(What are the best/worst delivery skills/techniques of the speaker?)</p>	<p>In order to capture the attention of the audience, good body language, gestures, and eye contact are required during a speech. Speakers can express their feelings about what they are saying using these. Angela Duckworth's actions in relation to what she was saying were certainly relevant and are useful tools for us to understand what she was talking about. She was able to connect with her audience and communicate her thoughts thoroughly in what she was saying by using this strategy. In delivering a speech, it is vital to consider not only what the audience can hear, but also what they can see.</p> <p>In the speech, we noticed the emotions in the words of Angela Duckworth, which played an important role in sharing her thoughts and lessons. Her emotions are a way for us to understand what she was pointing out and what she wanted to say to us. With that emotion, she was successful in sharing her ideas with the audience. As for her approach on stage, I observed her usage of open body gestures, i.e., slightly spreading of her hands in which offers openness to the audience to listen to her. That attitude of hers remains till the finish of the video, which accommodates the audience.</p> <p>We also observed that she was taking small breaks between each idea she was discussing. The pauses she made in her speech played a crucial role in her speech regardless of how we can hear the emotions in her voice and observe her actions. The goal of the pauses she made was to separate ideas from each other so that the audience won't have a hard time understanding what she was talking about. These pauses made her crystal clear to her audience. All in all, the speech is engaging, indicating that Angela Duckworth is indeed an effective speaker.</p>

<p>Bias/Prejudice</p> <p>(Did the speaker show bias? Why? Why not?)</p>	<p>Being biased, especially in giving a speech may lead audience members to interpret your message in ways that are very different than what you intended. It can also lead audience members to be irrationally resistant to persuasion and may prevent the audience from being open to learning or fully participating in your presentation.</p> <p>The speaker was giving an informative speech. Fortunately, the speaker was being unbiased. She gave an informative speech where it was unbiased, and factual data about the topic. She educated the audience about the topic “grit” and gave some factual information by stating information based on research and studies that she did herself as a Psychologist. Angela did this speech to educate the audience without an opinion, judgment, or intent to change the audience's attitude. It was simply to expound and elucidate the concept of “Grit”.</p>
<p>Ted Talk Review</p> <p>(Would you recommend this video to fellow students? Explain.)</p>	<p>The video talked about how grit is the strongest predictor of success. It talked about how grit is much more important in the journey towards success, rather than factors such as intelligence, talent, and failure.</p> <p>Would we recommend this video to fellow students? The answer is yes. Simply because the video or rather the speech delivered by Angela Lee Duckworth gives off inspiration and a new outlook to view in life. That attaining success doesn't depend all on your talent or your IQ, or how many times you fail, it's all about your will to persevere and push through despite how rough the road is. It tackles how a person that has this grit, the passion, and perseverance to push through the challenge and course of life is much more able to attain success than people who only have the other factors but not the will and stamina, as she says, to sustain until one reaches the top of the ladder of success.</p> <p>To simply put, this video or speech is one thing that will remind you of the things you need to prioritize in your life, the things that you should focus on more. It makes you realize that in life there are far more determinants of success, but grit is above all them, because the talent, intelligence, or bravery without the passion and perseverance in it isn't complete, isn't enough for you to attain and reach what true success is.</p>

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