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| **Critique Paper Third Quarter PT** | |
| Speech Title: | Grit: The Strongest Predictor of Success |
| Speaker: | Angela Duckworth |
| Summary of the Video: | She starts talking about how she had become a teacher and talks about what education is lacking of which is to “understand better the students and learning from a motivational perspective,” she then asks that maybe not everything in life has to be about how fast you can learn things and how easily you can understand and learn things.  Which leads her to resigning as a teacher and attends graduate school to become a Psychologist. To which she studies people of all ages and studies people with the ongoing question “Who is successful here and why,” and so she goes to different places where people are most needed to participate. Then she and her research team predict which people in the places she and her team go to would excel the most, drop out, give up, fail, etc.  After all the studies she and her research team she realizes that not everything is about your intelligence, agility, talent, all of that. It all depends on what we call ***grit***, something she had realized is the same characteristic she and her research team see from all the studies in different places they were assigned to. She talks about despite how talented of a person you may be, how smart you may also be, without grit you wouldn’t have the passion and perseverance to be able to do things most needed in the long run. The speaker explains that grit is something everyone has and is the reason why we persevere to chase our future dreams and working hard for our dream to become a reality. Despite how hard the journey may be today, the grittier you are as a person the lesser you’re scared to face the difficult obstacles in your life. The speaker also states that science has no idea how to build up the mental grit you have in you and how little the world knows about it.  She then finishes with telling how to at least *try* and build grit with a Stanford University study by Carol Dweck that “it is the belief that the ability to learn is not fixed, that it can change with your effort,” and that they are more likely to persevere when they fail because they don’t believe that failure is a permanent condition. |
| Speech Content:  Introduction:  (How did the speech start?)  Body:  (What were the main points?)  Conclusion:  (How did the speech end? | **Introduction:** The speaker starts talking about her story from when she left her job in management consulting to become a teacher, a seventh-grade teacher in math, to be specific. She points out that during her job as a seventh-grade math teacher that “IQ was not the only difference between my best and worst students. Some of my strongest performers did not have stratospheric IQ scores. Some of my smartest kids weren’t doing so well”. She then points out that there were some things that education was lacking a lot in.  **Body:** "The ability to learn is not fixed, it can change with your effort." A lot of students don't excel much because they lack determination. Students need emotional support from their parents to make them understand that failure makes them compassionate people. Students need a reason to keep moving forward to be successful. Occasionally, students' mindsets don't grow because of how their parents keep on pressuring them that they've become ignorant of how failure can help you learn from mistakes. Making students be the best of themselves can be a hindrance to their growth.  **Conclusion:** The speech ended strongly, where the speaker achieved her goals to motivate the audience with how her personal research and encounters gained results on students answering her grit questionnaires. The speaker successfully delivered her speech and effectively conveyed the information she wants to let her audience know. In the ending of her speech, she gave emphasis on how the grit is sticking in the future of an individual. In order to achieve success, we need give out the best ideas, the strongest intuitions, and the willingness to fail nor to be not afraid to get wrong in the process. The speaker also ended her speech with strong motivation to her audience, delivering the importance of passion and perseverance to gain of an individual. Also, she use motivational statements and quotations that failure is a not a permanent condition. The speech also ended consistently because of the speaker's delivery, where she was persistent on the focused of her theme from the very beginning until the ending of her speech. She also gave importance on growth mindset to achieve success and to be grittier and have the perseverance to achieve your goals, through these the speaker delivered her speech effectively. |
| Delivery Skills and Techniques  (What are the best/worst delivery skills/techniques of the speaker?) | For me, since the speaker used to be a teacher I would like to assume that it was easy for them to speak with quite a number of people watching her. Since she also studies Psychology she seemed to know what to do in order for the people to be hooked to her Ted Talk. Also the effortless confidence and how natural she looked while talking about her topic is I think one of the best delivery skills she had shown. One of the techniques I have also seemed to see from all the Ted Talk I have watched, almost all the speakers I have watched and listened to is that they go straight to the point, they don’t go and dally on other topics, and if they ever do divert from the topic a little bit it always seems to be a funny story or it relates to the topic they’re talking about. |
| Bias/Prejudice  (Did the speaker show bias? Why? Why not? | No, the speaker did not any sort of bias whatsoever, because she had said in her Ted Talk that she had genuinely looked and studied for the topic that she had spoken of. She had even stated some sources of her study to the audience. She also seemed like someone who was open-minded and patient enough to look for proper information for her topic and study. |
| Ted Talk Review  (Would you recommend this video to fellow students? Explain.) | Yes, listening to the Ted Talk had given me a better thought of what we people call “productivity” nowadays, I would like to think that grit is a bigger product of productivity since the speaker explains that grit is something within all of us and stays with us towards the long run. It helps us see the bigger picture and not being scared to be able to make mistakes during the process of excelling because it’s just what drives us more to be able to do better. |