

## Critical Concepts 7.7A Non-Fiction Writing Lesson Plans

### Turning Graphic Organizers into Writing Responses

Each of the sample responses models turning our graphic organizers into complete paragraph responses

#### Prompt:

*Identify the subject of the text. Then compare and contrast how the subject is portrayed in the written version and in the audio, video, or multimedia version. Explain how the portrayals together build your understanding of the subject.*

1. Subject identified
2. Text Portrayal explained
3. Media portrayal explained
4. Similarities and differences explained

#### **I Do Model Writing (JFK's Inaugural Address)**

The subject of civic duty is portrayed in both the text and the video of John F. Kennedy's inaugural address. In the text, JFK's words are formal and patriotic, urging Americans to "ask what you can do for your country." In the video, however, the portrayal is even stronger because his tone, pauses, and confident delivery inspire the audience. Together, the text and video show how JFK's message was powerful in writing but even more moving when delivered aloud.

#### **We Do Model Writing (If I Had Sneezed – MLK)**

The subject of gratitude and purpose is portrayed in both the text and the audio of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech. In the text, MLK repeats the phrase "If I had sneezed," which creates a reflective and poetic rhythm. In the audio, the portrayal is more emotional, as MLK's cadence and rising tone give urgency to his message. Together, the text and audio show how repetition builds meaning, but the sound of his voice makes the message even more powerful.

#### **You Do with Partner Model Writing (Farewell to Baseball – Babe Ruth)**

The subject of Babe Ruth's retirement is portrayed in both the text and the video of his farewell speech. In the text, Ruth's words are respectful and nostalgic, thanking fans and reflecting on his career. In the video, however, the portrayal is more poignant because his weakened voice and the cheering crowd show the depth of the moment. Together, the text and video highlight Ruth's gratitude, but the video adds emotion that the written version cannot.

#### **You Do Independently Model Writing (The Queen's Tribute to Princess Diana)**

The subject of Princess Diana's legacy is portrayed in both the text and the video of Queen Elizabeth II's tribute. In the text, the Queen uses formal and carefully chosen language to honor Diana's "warmth and kindness." In the video, the portrayal is more human because the Queen's pauses and tone of voice reveal grief beneath her formality. Together, the text and video show respect for Diana's life, but the video adds an emotional layer that deepens the meaning.