SAMPLE Unit 5 Speech Assignment

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**Unit 5 Assignment instructions**

**Women’s Perspectives Speech**

Topic: The first wave of feminism would not only correspond with the latter decades of the suffrage movement, but also with discussions of women’s economic independence and efforts to break free of societal constraints. For this Unit 5 Assignment, you will put yourself in the shoes of a woman from the first two decades of the 20th Century, and write a speech addressing why society should consider women’s perspectives. Women such as Alice Paul, Edna Kenton, Inez Milholland, Bessie Beatty, and others were ardent supporters of equality - whether via voting rights, sexual freedom, or joining the military.

Consider the perspectives of the women described in the Unit 5 Reading and use those perspectives as a basis for your speech. You will write a speech regarding the need for society’s acceptance of women as equal members of society in the first two to three decades of the 20th Century.

Content:

* Take a stance on a particular issue related to the first two decades of the 20th Century. The following are examples of possible events/issues related to the early 20th Century: Labor reform, voting rights, birth control, pacifism, marriage rights, or women in the military. Feel free to select an issue from this list or another from the Unit 5 Reading.
* Write a 500-word speech explaining why early 20th Century society should consider women’s accomplishments and perspectives related to the selected issue.
* Get in character! Be sure to emphasize the first two decades of the 20th Century, and in your speech, connect events from these two decades. The speech should be written as if you were living during the first two to three decades of the 20th Century, and not from your perspective as a 21st Century citizen.

Speech Format:

Since this is a speech assignment, include the date of the speech. For example, if you, as Victoria, a colleague of Alice Paul’s in the suffrage movement, is speaking on voting rights as part of a rally in New York City in January 1919, identify the date of the speech at some point in your speech.

The body of your speech should clearly identify the issue which interests you, as a woman living in the first two decades of the 20th century, and should reflect women’s increasing involvement in the public sphere. Be sure to indicate your perspective / stance on the issue you have selected.

Summarize your speech with a brief conclusion; thank your audience for attending.

Word Count:

The Assignment should be at least 500 words, and should employ connections to the Unit 5 Reading material. You should follow the Unit 5 Assignment template in Course Documents.

APA formatting:

Connections to the Unit 5 Reading material are required for this Assignment. Be sure to include APA parenthetical citations and references; formatting for citations and reference entries should follow the APA 6th edition style guide, available under Content / Academic Tools via the APA Style Central link.

Submit the assignment to the Unit 5 Dropbox when it is complete.

**Assignment Tips:**

**Remember to include APA formatting (citations and references).**

**NOTE: Be sure to write as if you were living during the first two to three decades of the 20th century, and not from your perspective as a 21st century citizen.**

**Your Unit 5 speech should address the following:**

1. Take a stance on an issue related to society’s acceptance of women as equals during the first two decades of the 20th century.
2. What are your thoughts on this selected issue? Why should society consider women as equals?
3. Who were some of the key female leaders from the first two decades of the 20th century? Why do you admire them?

**Paragraphs:** Use paragraphs as part of your speech, including an introductory paragraph; supporting paragraphs; and a conclusion

**Word Count:** This assignment should include at least 500 words.

**Citations and References:** The unit 5 assignment requires the incorporation of terminology and ideas from the Unit 5 reading material. As such, you must include citations in the unit 5 assignment and at least 1 reference entry on the References page of your assignment.

**Checklist:**

**□ Did I include paragraphs? (**an introductory paragraph with a thesis statement, supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion)

**□ Did I include 500 words?** This speech should be 500 words. The word count does not include the title page and the references page.

**□ Did I include parenthetical citations?** This assignment requires that you include connections to the course text through citations and references. Follow the APA style of writing when formatting the speech, the citations, and the references included on the references page. Review the APA quick reference guide on the left-hand sidebar under course home for APA formatting guidelines.

**□ Did I include a References page?** This speech requires you to reference your textbook as your main source. If you opt to use other credible sources that support your main points of discussion, these must be included in the references section (and cited in the assignment).

SAMPLE References

Dubois, E. C. & Dumenil, L. (2019). *Through Women's Eyes:*  *An American History with Documents* (Fifth edition). Boston: Bedford / St. Martins.