Commencement Speech

**Directions:** As you are getting ready to walk out the

of First Colonial High, I would like for you to reflect on your experience within these walls. You have spent nearly 1/4th of your existence on this planet at this school and regardless of your perception, this school has influenced you. How has it changed you? How have you changed? What are some of your best/worst memories? What are some of your proudest moments and/or deepest regrets?

Your final assignment (other than the exam) is to organize these thoughts into a well-organized speech that demonstrates your understanding of the rhetoric covered this year. The speech must be a minimum of 5 minutes long and no longer than 10 minutes total.

Overarching Questions:

*What is the message I want to pass to my peers and rising seniors?*

*What mark am I leaving at First Colonial?*

*What “wisdom” have I gained that sets me apart from my peers?*

Requirements for Speech:

-Ice-breaker/hook

-Aphorism/Saying that sums up your HS experience

-Anecdote/personal from HS

-Anecdote/funny

-Comparison/Analogy, metaphor, simile

-Parallelism/Repetition (chorus) keep coming back to “theme”

Due Date: