**Legacy Speech Assignment**

One difficult aspect of this thing we call “life” is dealing with the emotional concerns of grieving the deaths of those around you and accepting your own dying. Every culture deals with the grieving process differently. A eulogy is a speech given by a close friend or family member, at a funeral or celebration of life, that honors the life of the individual who has passed away. Your assignment is to write your own legacy speech. Write a speech that would be given at your own funeral/celebration of life.

**Write your eulogy with the focus of it being the long life that you plan on living. You can write from any hypothetical situation. Maybe you lived to be 90. What did you do in your 90 years that has positively affected those around you? Are you a beloved husband/wife, father/mother, or grandfather/grandmother? This scenario can include a little more fiction, but it should still be realistic and reflective of how you actually would like to be remembered.**

Your legacy speech should be at least 1.5 pages typed, double spaced, 12-point font, and written in the third person (ie. no “I’s” and/or “me’s”). A person who has died obviously cannot give their own legacy speech, so you will need to identify whose perspective you are writing/speaking from. You will be assessed on your ideas and your conventions and also on your presentation. You will present your eulogy to the class. Be creative and try to think realistically. **What do you want your legacy on this earth to be?**

**Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.**

*-George Bernard Shaw*