

Writing a Summary Paragraph for JFK Inaugural Speech

Write a summary paragraph of the JFK Inaugural Speech as we studied it in class.

Here are suggestions for how to do it:

1. Carefully read the speech and note anything you don't understand. Consult a classmate, friend, teacher, tutor, dictionary or other reference source to help you understand any points or references that are unclear.
2. Pay attention to the main ideas of the speech as we discussed them in class.
3. Write the main ideas and significant details in your own words. Try not to copy the original words. However, sometimes you will need to use special words exactly as they are, especially if the words are technical.
4. Use the ideas to write a one-paragraph summary. Begin the paragraph by citing the source (author -- John Kennedy, title -- Inaugural Speech) and giving the main point of the speech.
5. Revise for grammar (especially verb forms and word usage) and mechanics (capitalization, punctuation, and spelling).

The first sentence:

Start with: John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Speech given on January 21, 1961 . . .

Then add a verb + the main idea of your paragraph.

acknowledges _ adds _ advises _ answers _ asks _ asserts _ assures _ blames _ captures _ clarifies _ classifies _ confirms _ confronts _ confuses _ considers _ contrasts _ critiques _ defends _ demonstrates _ denounces _ depicts _ discourages _ encourages _ endorses _ entertains _ entices _ enumerates _ evaluates _ explores _ expresses _ features _ furnishes _ identifies _ illustrates _ invites _ judges _ mentions _ names _ offends _ offers _ praises _ predicts _ proposes _ provides _ recommends _ simplifies _ solves _ suggests _ supports _ teaches _ traces

John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Speech given on January 20, 1961 encouraged his audience to work together to make a better world.

John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Speech given on January 20, 1961 illustrates the hopes he had for his country.

John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Speech given on January 20, 1961 challenged his generation to work together to make a better world.