SAMPLE: Title of Speech: “I Have a Dream”
Author: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Location: Dr. King’s speech was delivered at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington. Crowds were gathered at the mall to hear speakers including Dr. King. The location is significant because Dr. King references Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.
Date delivered: August 28, 1963
URL/Citation: http://www.mssolomon.com
Rank: 1- historical significance

Background: History of the March, Jim Crow, Civil Rights movement --- research.

Notes and Description:
allusion- “Five score years ago” Dr. King begins his speech by alluding to the Gettysburg Address. This allusion brings the listeners back to the time of slavery and connects us to the historical context of the speech. He uses the allusion to show both how far African-Americans have come, as well as how far is still left to go to gain equality.

Use this space to clearly explain your notes on the speech. You must include quotes and examples from the text itself. You must explain your examples and give a good overview of the main devices (literary/rhetorical) that were used in the speech. Be sure to consider at least 10 separate features of the speech.

Response and Impact: When I first heard the speech, I was moved and amazed by the power of MLK’s rhetoric. When he began talking about the dream, I was captivated. He takes the audience on a journey and is able to unify the entire crowd...
The speech is historically significant because, for the first time all of the people working toward the goal of civil rights in the US had a voice. His speech is still referenced today and we can not think about the movement without thinking about MLK’s dream...

Use this section to comment on your response to the speech. How did it make you feel? Why do you feel it was an important speech? In addition, you must explain why the speech made your list in the first place. Why is it an important speech for others to know? What impact did it have on its original audience? On the world? Write one paragraph for your reaction and one paragraph for the impact of the speech.