

2024-2025 NTI Day #3

8th Grade Writing

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Assignment

Answer the following questions in a two-paragraph format.

At this point, you have read two texts which both have a purpose of persuading the reader/listener.

In Senator Robert F. Kennedy's speech, he addresses the nation and encourages citizens to have compassion in unison when responding to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Because this event occurred in the height of the Civil Rights Movement, this was a large ask of the nation to have compassion for the minority of U.S. citizens who were being segregated.

In the article by Lucianne Walkowicz, the author discusses that with the recent developments in space exploration and understanding environmental conservation, preserving the Earth is our best chance at long-term survival as humans.

While one text is a speech, the other is an article, and both address very different topics, each one persuades readers to do *something*. Which text do you believe has the strongest argument? How does each author support their argument? Consider the types of evidence used (statistics, personal stories, expert opinions, etc.). Discuss aspects such as the relevance of evidence and potential biases (favor for one thing over another) in each argument. State your overall assessment of the strength of each argument. Be sure to provide specific examples from both texts to support your analysis.