

Impromptu Speaking: The Disney Quote Challenge

Part 1: The Prompts (Choose One)

1. "The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all." – *Mulan*
2. "The past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it." – *The Lion King*
3. "Your identity is your most valuable possession. Protect it." – *The Incredibles*
4. "If you focus on what you left behind, you will never be able to see what lies ahead." – *Ratatouille*
5. "Giving up is for rookies." – *Hercules*
6. "Our fate lives within us. You only have to be brave enough to see it." – *Brave*

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Part 2: The Prep Sheet

Chosen Quote: _____

I. THE INTRODUCTION

- Hook / AGD:

(Hint: Don't just say "I like this movie." Start with a story about a time you faced a challenge.)

- **Road Map (The Points):** This quote is true because of:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

II. THE BODY

- **Point 1:**

○ *Explain/Example:*

○ *Relevance:* Why does this prove the quote is right?

- **Point 2:**

○ *Explain/Example:*

○ *Relevance:* Why does this prove the quote is right?

- **Point 3:**

○ *Explain/Example:*

○ *Relevance:* Why does this prove the quote is right?

III. THE CONCLUSION

- **Review Points:** (Summarize your 3 points)
- Closing Statement:

(Final thought—try to link back to your original AGD!)

Helpful Examples:

The Disney Quote Help: Real-World Connections

1. "The flower that blooms in adversity..." (Mulan)

- **Historical Example: The Great Depression.** Out of one of the hardest economic times in history came a generation (The Greatest Generation) that built modern infrastructure and showed incredible national resilience.
- **Science Example: Diamonds.** They only form under intense heat and pressure deep within the earth. Without the "adversity" of the environment, they would just be common carbon.
- **Personal Application:** Discuss a time a "late bloomer" or an underdog in sports finally succeeded because they worked harder than those who had it easy.

2. "The past can hurt... run from it or learn from it." (The Lion King)

- **Historical Example: Post-War Diplomacy.** After WWII, nations had to choose whether to remain enemies or learn from the conflict to create the United Nations and prevent future wars.
- **Scientific Example: Trial and Error in Medicine.** Every failed vaccine or surgery in the past is "painful" (a failure), but scientists use those results to create the cures we have today.
- **Personal Application:** Failing a test or a performance and using the feedback to ace the next one.

3. "Your identity is your most valuable possession." (The Incredibles)

- **Historical Example: Nelson Mandela.** He spent 27 years in prison but refused to give up his identity or his beliefs. His refusal to "change who he was" eventually ended Apartheid.
- **Social Example: Personal Branding/Integrity.** In the age of social media, people often change themselves to fit in. This point could argue that staying true to your "original self" is what actually makes you stand out.
- **Literature Example: The Crucible.** John Proctor chooses to die rather than sign a false confession because his "name" (his identity) is all he has left.

4. "If you focus on what you left behind..." (Ratatouille)

- **Historical Example: Explorers (like the Polynesians).** When navigating the vast Pacific Ocean, they couldn't look back at the islands they left; they had to focus entirely on the stars and the horizon ahead to find Hawaii and New Zealand.

- **Business Example: Netflix vs. Blockbuster.** Blockbuster focused on what they "left behind" (physical DVD stores), while Netflix looked ahead to the future of streaming. One survived; the other didn't.

5. "Giving up is for rookies." (Hercules)

- **Scientific Example: Thomas Edison.** He famously said he didn't fail 1,000 times to make a lightbulb; he just found 1,000 ways it didn't work. Giving up after try #999 would have left the world in the dark.
- **Sports Example: Michael Jordan.** He was cut from his high school basketball team. If he had acted like a "rookie" and quit, he never would have become a legend.