

Melania Trump Speech Resource

- Rewrite this paragraph of Melania Trump’s speech so she can’t be charged with plagiarism.
- Decide how you will cite Melania’s source. Write both the in-text citation and the works cited reference. You may refer to the MLA citation of the NYT article below as a model.

Melania Trump’s Speech at the Republican National Convention, Cleveland, OH, July 18, 2016:

From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily lives. That is a lesson that I continue to pass along to our son. And we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.

Michelle Obama’s Speech at the Democratic National Convention, Denver, CO, August 25, 2008:

“Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: that you work hard for what you want in life; that your word is your bond and you do what you say you’re going to do; that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don’t know them, and even if you don’t agree with them. And Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values, and pass them on to the next generation. Because we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.”

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