

Common Assignment #1: Ted TALK

For WAYS 103, *Gender, Sexuality, & Music*
(Spring 2024)



Outline and Speech should be uploaded to
Brightspace by:

Tuesday, February 20, 11:59pm

Reminder from the syllabus:
this is worth 10% of your final grade.

Hi all,

This is a common assignment for all WAYS 103 classes, and a good way for you to get started thinking about diversity and power, but also get working on outlining and speaking skills!

What do you need to do?

STEP #1: Watch the video

- https://www.ted.com/talks/ruby_sales_how_we_can_start_to_heal_the_pain_of_racial_division
- **As some context:** Ruby Sales is a legendary civil rights activist who took part in many well-known and important voter registration drives, demonstration, protests etc in the 1960s (and beyond).
- **For your own planning:** this video is 20 minutes long
- **For your own planning:** you will probably want to take some notes as you watch
- **For your own knowledge:** this video discusses violence, racism, gendered violence, and trauma (from the *point of view and experience* of Ruby Sales, which is important).

STEP #2: Outline

- **Reflect** on what stuck out to you about Ruby Sales's talk
- **Specifically:** select one quotation from the video that connects to identity
- **Outline a 1-2 minute response** to your selected quotation that explores at least one of the ways that Ruby Sales understands her identity in the world. (Your response should focus on race, gender, and/or other aspects of identity.)
- **How long an outline?** It should be a one-page outline of what you'd like to discuss
- **What kind of outline?** Please use the guidelines in our textbook about outlines, specifically Chapter 12 and the "full-sentence" outline approach.
- Upload your outline to this Brightspace folder

Step #3: Record your talk

- Using your outline (but not reading it word-for-word), **record a 1-2 minute speech based on your work in step 2.**
- This should be a video, not an audio-recording only. No slides or fanciness needed, just you talking!!
- Upload your video to this Brightspace folder

Tips & Notes:

1. This should not be a "book report," but should include analytical thought on your part.
2. I don't care how you record this; you may use any recording medium—I'm not judging on quality of sound. Many cell phones have apps for recording short video. You could also try web-based services or a short zoom video.
3. Let me know if you have questions about this and I may be able to guide you to some resources.