

Eulogy Assignment

A eulogy is a speech given at a funeral, usually by someone who knew the person well. The person giving the eulogy mentions funny, sad, or important moments in the deceased person's life, or perhaps the impact he or she had on everyone. The goal is to remember the person fondly, even if he or she was not perfect. (None of us are!)

Your assignment is to write a eulogy for one of the characters in *Shabanu*. You must pretend to be one of the other characters in the book who is speaking about this person. Write a eulogy that is in the "voice" of that character. Mention what you loved or liked about the person, despite their shortcomings. You should also write about what they struggled with and infer why they may have chosen to live their life the way that they did.

It's always good to throw in a few quotes into your speech. Check out www.brainyquotes.com for some ideas.

The rubric for this assignment is on the next page:

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Eulogy Rubric

Items circled are things you need to improve!

Content and Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ clear focus (stays on topic)◆ strong opening/ closing◆ good paragraph structure◆ colorful supporting details (and "show, don't tell")◆ style ("voice")◆ other:	/ 30
Grammar: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ verb tense◆ pronouns◆ subject/verb agreement◆ word usage/ fatal flaws◆ other:	/ 20
Mechanics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ spelling◆ capitalization◆ punctuation	/20
Sentence structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ fragments◆ run-ons◆ comma splices, misplaced commas◆ capital letters◆ Fatal Flaws◆ Other:	/20
Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Four paragraphs◆ typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font◆ correct heading	/10