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Compare and contrast Obama's and Trump's speeches.

Thesis statement: While former President Obama's victory speech and Donald Trump's inauguration share a common theme of patriotism, they were dramatically different in their visions of America.

The setting of the two speeches is different. Obama's victory speech was presented at McCormick in Chicago, while Donald Trump's speech was delivered in the capital building.

The two speeches reflect on different historical moments since Obama's speech mainly focuses on change, while Trump's stresses the power of the people. Obama's words are so powerful that they bring Americans together and create peace and unity among them (Marcus 2:00- 5:20). Trump's message and purpose during his speech deliver are different from that of Obama. Unlike Obama, Trump echoes various phrases said by the former leaders like the issue of immigration which creates division among the people.

The content of the two speeches addresses a common theme of making Americans better. Obama describes why he feels that America is an exceptional nation. At this point, he discusses a few things concerning his term as the U.S president. Also, President Trump drafts content that shows his readiness to empower the people of America (ABC News 0:13-0:49).

The speech delivery of the two presidents is distinct. Obama engages his audience throughout the presentation by showing empathy and concern for the problems they have gone

through. He assures his audience that they can make America better. On the other hand, Donald Trump embraces persuasive elements to make his promises to the Americans. He does not explain how he would accomplish all the promises that he makes.

The tone and the pace of the two speakers vary. Obama's tone and pace are generally good, and speeding up through his presentation benefitted him greatly. He could speed up when emphasizing his speech's major parts and slow down when addressing less intense parts of his presentation. Trump's speech is mainly focused on the needs of the nation. The tone and the pace are fair, thus, helping him deliver the message to his audience. Therefore, Obama's speech was the most powerful, while Trump's speech was short and authentic.

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