

**Academic Decathlon  
Summer Assignment 2009**

1. Please pick up a copy of the book “**A Tale of Two Cities**” in room 416. Read the entire novel and take notes using “Post Its” every few pages.

What should you write in the notes?

- Characters
- Locations
- What occurred

2. **Write a speech.**

How do you begin? Choose one or a few topics that are of interest to you and others.

What should you write about? Utilize the past “Gold medal” speeches as guidelines for your innovative speech.

Go to the following website:

[www.demidisc.com](http://www.demidisc.com)

Log in: [John2Spad@aol.com](mailto:John2Spad@aol.com)

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Click on “Download Files”

Under Year of Materials - click on “2008”, then scroll down

Under topic View by Subject - click on “Speech”, then scroll down

Under Speech all resource types - click on “Prepared Speech Resource”

You must be able to deliver your entire speech memorized by the first day of class.  
**PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!**

Utilize the advice given in the packet to help you deliver the speech appropriately.

**Assignment Due Date:** First day of class

Assignment will be given a grade therefore you must complete it on time. If you are having trouble understanding the requirements, please speak to students that are currently taking the course or E-mail me @ [j.spadafino@hackensackschools.org](mailto:j.spadafino@hackensackschools.org)

Regards,  
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