

Drama, Writing and Speech

Assignment 17

- *reading.* Read speeches by John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan (found in the textbook) and do any study guide material. We will discuss the content of the speeches in terms of their rhetoric.
- *audio and video.* Listen to Ronald Reagan's speech at the Brandenburg Gate, called the "**Berlin Speech.**" If you would prefer to read it, click [here](#). What makes Reagan such an effective speaker? Be able to talk about the rhetorical devices used in the speech, such as *antimetabole*. Watch Ronald Reagan the actor in *Bedtime for Bonzo* here.
- *picture.* The picture on this assignment page is of Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy. Remember that it was Presidential candidate Barry Goldwater who pushed him to the center stage of politics.



Long-Term Assignment

- *passage.* Continue to review the passage that you memorized from King Lear.
- *essay.* You will be writing another musings or narrative essay due **the second week of February.**

composition 1. Thoreau says in his essay on solitude that "society is cheap." In response to this work, write a musings or narrative essay on what it means to you to be in company. Do you enjoy being around a lot of people? What feelings do you have when you are? Are you an introvert or extrovert? Use some of the elements of essay writing that we have talked about, such as taking a deeper, philosophic look at your subject; specifically for this assignment, you might want to reflect on the reason for awkwardness in being around a lot of people or the reason why some people are "social butterflies." The essay will be due the second week of February.

composition 2. Eliot Gregory declares confidently that America's national failing is slouch. Write a narrative or musings essay on what you think America's national failing is, imitating the same tone as Gregory.

- You will be completing a work based on the passage you have chosen from *King Lear*—poetry, painting, weaving, etc., due **the second Friday in April.**

