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Supporting Material

TYPES OF SUPPORTING MATERIAL

- 1. Definition the dictionary meaning of a word; give a source
- 2. Illustration a personal story that helps to further clarify the idea or point
- 3. Example a specific representation of a group or type
- 4. Statistic a numeric collection of data; give a source
- 5. Analogy a comparison of two liked things
- 6. Quote to cite someone's statement or thoughts; give a source
- 7. Restatement to restate the main idea of the topic

Read the following speech and try to identify the seven types of supporting material used. Write the type of supporting material to the right of the speech. Are any of the 7 missing?

What is a teacher? According to the Standard College Dictionary, a teacher is "one who teaches" and to teach means, "to impart knowledge, to give instruction to." But even this dictionary goes on the say the "TEACHER" is a more comprehensive word, for to teach "embraces all methods of imparting knowledge, information, guidance, or counsel." If this is true, then many people can be teachers in our lives — our parents, our friends, our coaches, our role models. For me, my mother was probably my greatest teacher. She taught me to trust my own thinking, to have an open mind, to rely on a sense of humor to get through the tough times, to appreciate the many lifestyles and cultures of the world, and to believe in the basic goodness of people. When asked to list the most influential people in their lives, 83% of a Bruskins survey group listed a teacher. Perhaps this is because teachers do more than "instruct" us. In so many ways, good and bad, they touch our lives. It was Henry Brook Adams who first said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." But we must remember that there are many teachers in our lives — not just the people in front of the classroom. And likewise, we are the teachers of many — we can never tell where our influence stops.

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ASSIGNMENT

Write a speech that includes ALL 7 TYPE OF SUPPORTING MATERIAL.

- ➤ Choose a word or quality as your topic. (other topics could be: athlete, justice, freedom, happiness, responsibility, cheerleader, peace, peace keeper, harmony, waitress, nature, friend, compassion, love, etc.
- > Must included ONE OF EACH type of supporting material.
- > Must give sources for things like: statistics, quotes, definition and examples
- ➤ Complete the worksheet on the back to help you prepare
- > Time: 2-3 minutes
- > Grade: 50 pts.
 - Vocal Deliver
 - o Physical Delivery
 - o Intro/Body/Conclusion
 - o No fillers
 - Eye Contact