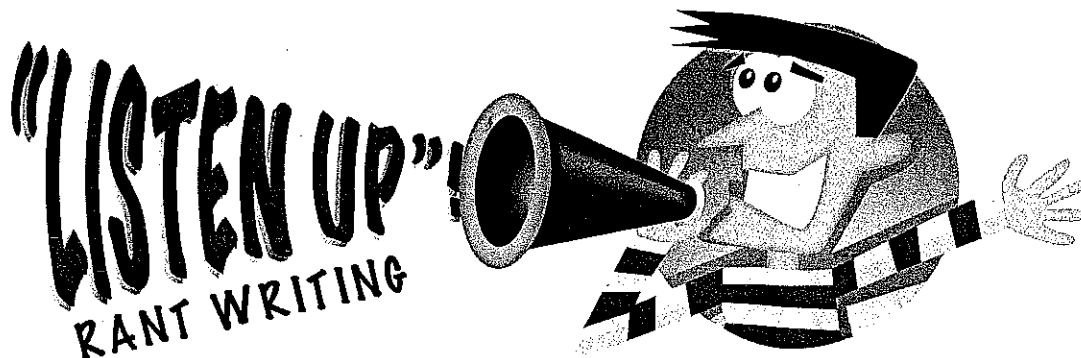


CULMINATING TASK:**DESCRIPTION**

Popularized by Canadian comedian, Rick Mercer, a “rant” is the sister to the soliloquy (monologue) and distant cousin of debate; it is an individual self-expression, or more simply put, an opinion. It is something that the “ranter” thinks should be known, and they’re not afraid to tell you about it. A rant is usually done with wit and humour, at the same time expressing a position, a stance, or an issue that you think is important. The viewers should be entertained, but at the same time are left with a lasting impression about the topic. A good rant usually includes the following:

- **A topic that is current** – the topic should not be threatening, not include profanity or malign an individual or organization’s reputation;
- **Clear and concise message;**
- **Effectively convinces the audience of your opinion;**
- **Clear structure:**
 - **Intro** – Establish the topic of the “rant”
 - **Middle** – Provides a challenging statement which makes the listener/viewer think....The “AHA!” moment;
 - **End** – Wrap up with a statement that leaves the listener/viewer with an understanding of the topic.

Source: Memorial University - <http://www.mun.ca/rant/>

PURPOSE

- To demonstrate democratic participation.

TASK

Your task is to plan, develop and create a one to two minute “Rant” about one of the issues raised in the unit.

Steps:

1. Topic Selection:

Refer to your Controversial Topics sheet for ideas. Potential topics may involve concepts within the areas of government, education, health, environment, athletics or human rights.

***You must have your topic approved before you begin.

2. Fill out your planning sheet. This also means that you will be completing research on your topic in order to support your rant. Be sure to record your sources.
3. Organize and write your rant. Pay attention to your tone and consider who your audience is.
4. Practice!!!!
5. Refer to rubric to make sure you are aware of how you will be assessed.
6. Present in class or record your rant in order to show it in class.