English 1100

Paper 3

By now, you should have read and watched two great speeches related to the American space program: John F. Kennedy's "The Decision to Go to The Moon" and Ronald Reagan's "Address to the Nation on the Challenger." In a 5-7 page (double spaced) paper, compare and contrast the two speeches, paying particular attention to Kennedy and Reagan's rhetorical choices.

This paper should also include substantive references to at least three additional sources. Examples of acceptable kinds of sources include:

1. Historical accounts providing relevant context for the two speeches
2. Critical analyses of the speeches themselves
3. Other speeches related to space exploration

While you are welcome to use primary sources like newspaper articles or historical documents, at least two of your sources should be secondary sources – in other words, commentary or analysis by someone not immediately involved in the events themselves.