

Round 1 - Speaker 1

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." *Robin Williams*

"I know I wasn't as handsome as some other guys, but I was OK with that." *Philip Seymour Hoffman*

"I enjoy life when things are happening. I don't care if it's good things or bad things. That means you're alive. Things are happening." *Joan Rivers*

Round 1 - Speaker 2

"I used to think that the worst thing in life was to end up alone. It's not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people who make you feel alone." *Robin Williams*

"If you're a human being walking the earth, you're weird, you're strange, you're psychologically challenged." *Philip Seymour Hoffman*

"Don't follow any advice, no matter how good, until you feel as deeply in your spirit as you think in your mind that the counsel is wise." *Joan Rivers*

Round 1 - Speaker 3

"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it." *Robin Williams*

"The only true currency in this bankrupt world is what you share with someone else when you're uncool." *Philip Seymour Hoffman*

"I blame my mother for my poor sex life. All she told me was 'the man goes on top and the woman underneath.' For three years my husband and I slept in bunk beds." *Joan Rivers*

Round 1 - Speaker 4

"Never pick a fight with an ugly person, they've got nothing to lose." *Robin Williams*

"When you become a parent, you look at your parents differently. You look at being a child differently. It's an awakening, a revelation that you have." *Philip Seymour Hoffman*

"Every comedian is furious. I'm unhappy at not being able to open packages anymore. I'm angry that libraries have gone. I hate children on planes. I'm very shallow, so they tend to be little things." *Joan Rivers*

Round 1 - Speaker 5

"For me, comedy starts as a spew, a kind of explosion, and then you sculpt it from there, if at all. It comes out of a deeper, darker side." *Robin Williams*

"I had insecurities and fears like everybody does, and I got over it. But I was interested in the parts of me that struggled with those things." *Philip Seymour Hoffman*

"I succeeded by saying what everyone else is thinking." *Joan Rivers*

Round 1 - Speaker 6

"If Heaven exists, to know that there's laughter, that would be a great thing." *Robin Williams*

"Life's pretty funny when you're objectively on the outside looking at it." *Philip Seymour Hoffman*

"The first time I see a jogger smiling, I'll consider it." *Joan Rivers*

Round 1 - Speaker 7

"What's right is what's left if you do everything else wrong." *Robin Williams*

"Creating something is all about problem-solving." *Philip Seymour Hoffman*

"I have no methods; all I do is accept people as they are." *Joan Rivers*

Round 2 - Speaker 1

"A man must have a code." *The Wire*

"We're soldiers. Soldiers don't go to hell. It's war. Soldiers kill other soldiers. We're in a situation where everyone involved knows the stakes and if you are going to accept those stakes, you've got to do certain things. It's business." *The Sopranos*

"The world needs bad men. We keep the other bad men from the door." *True Detective*

Round 2 - Speaker 2

"Man, money ain't got no owners. Only spenders." *The Wire*

"What use is an unloaded gun?" *The Sopranos*

"This is a world where nothing is solved." *True Detective*

Round 2 - Speaker 3

"How you expect to run with the wolves come night, when you spend all day sporting wit' the puppies?" *The Wire*

"A wrong decision is better than indecision." *The Sopranos*

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Round 2 - Speaker 4

"The past is always with us. Where we come from, what we go through, how we go through it; all this stuff matters." *The Wire*

"What kind of person can I be, where his own mother wants him dead?" *The Sopranos*

"Well, once there was only dark. If you ask me, the light's winning." *True Detective*

Round 2 - Speaker 5

"You come at the king, you best not miss." *The Wire*

"You're only religious when it suits you." *The Sopranos*

"Certain linguistic anthropologists think that religion is a language virus that rewrites pathways in the brain. Dulls critical thinking." *True Detective*

Round 2 - Speaker 6

"It's play or get played. That simple." *The Wire*

"Is this a woman thing? You ask me how I'm feeling. I tell you how I'm feeling, and now you're going to torture me with it." *The Sopranos*

"If the only thing keeping a person decent is the expectation of divine reward then, brother, that person is a piece of crap." *True Detective*

Round 2 - Speaker 7

"The game is rigged, but you cannot lose if you don't play." *The Wire*

"I'm like King Midas in reverse. Everything I touch turns to crap." *The Sopranos*

"I think human consciousness, is a tragic misstep in evolution. We became too self-aware, nature created an aspect of nature separate from itself, we are creatures that should not exist by natural law" *True Detective*

Finals - Speaker 1

He who is not very strong in memory should not meddle with lying. - Michel de Montaigne

To me, boxing is like a ballet, except there's no music, no choreography, and the dancers hit each other.

- Jack Handey

The sports page records people's accomplishments The front page nothing but their failures. - Earl Warren

Finals - Speaker 2

Suffering . We owe to it all that is good in us, all that gives value to life we owe to it pity, we owe to it courage, we owe to it all the virtues. - Anatole France

If you can remember anything about the sixties, you weren't really there. - Paul Kantner

Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes... but no plans. - Peter Drucker

Finals - Speaker 3

Life is a fatal complaint, and an eminently contagious one. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

Eloquence is a painting of the thoughts. - Blaise Pascal

The secret of all power is - save your force. If you want high pressure you must choke off waste. - Joseph Farrell

Finals - Speaker 4

What you do when you don't have to, determines what you will be when you can no longer help it.

Rudyard Kipling

Men in authority will always think that criticism of their policies is dangerous. They will always equate their policies with patriotism, and find criticism subversive. - Henry Steele

At my age the bones are water in the morning until food is given them. - Pearl Buck

Finals - Speaker 5

True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable. - Dave Tyson Gentry

Whom computers would destroy, they must first drive mad. - Anon.

Time is the image of eternity. - Laertius Diogenes

Finals - Speaker 6

No man is an island, entire of itself every man is a piece of the continent. - John Donne

Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit. - Kahlil Gibran

Before speaking, consider the interpretation of your words as well as their intent. - Andrew Alden

Finals - Speaker 7

We are never so ridiculous through what we are as through what we pretend to be. - La Rochefoucauld

Silver and gold are not the only coin virtue too passes current all over the world. - Euripides

I have learned not to worry about love but to honor its coming with all my heart. - Alice Walker

