Our reading for class tomorrow will be Hume's essay 'Of Eloquence.' In reading Hume's thoughts, consider the following questions:

What does Hume think 'eloquence' is? Can it be measured?

Regarding our concerns in the last class, what do you think 'taste' is for Hume?

Does it make sense to contrast the 'sublime' and the 'passionate' of ancient rhetoric with the 'rational' in modern discourse?

Is 'order' equivalent to 'eloquence'? Can rhetoric have one without the other?

How does Hume compare to Nietzsche (how much do they agree)?

In addition to Hume's essay, please read JFK's inaugural address (available here) --> http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian/2007/apr/22/greatspeeches. Do Hume's concerns apply to Kennedy's speech? How?