Podcast Assignment

For this assignment, you will compose a 5- to 7-minute podcast where you will compare two images of Oscar Wilde produced during or around the time of his American lecture tour in 1882. You will discuss the first of these images, a caricature, in a small group. You will be responsible for finding a second image of Wilde, either a drawn picture or a photograph, on the Internet during a class period. Your podcast will present both images to your audience and discuss how they either work to promote Wilde's lectures or denigrate Wilde's character.

You will be asked to analyze these two images first by establishing the type of character each image constructs for Wilde. Does the image make Wilde appear intellectual, radical, sophisticated, strong, weak, etc.? Second, how does the image communicate this character? Through his posture, clothing, facial expression, the inclusion of other characters in the image, etc.?

Before you begin to record your podcast, you must write a script to follow. This script should be 2–3 pages (200–400 words) of typed, double-spaced writing. Because you are presenting an argument to your audience, your script should conform to an analytical organization similar to an essay. Therefore, you should have a brief introduction with a thesis statement, supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion. Your thesis statement must make a comparison between the two images, and each body paragraph must develop a particular point that defends your thesis statement. You must turn in this script along with your podcast.