

Rhetorical Devices

Patrick Henry

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- Reason/Fact (logos- “This makes sense.”)
- Concession to the opposition (pathos- “I get you.”)
- Anticipation of objections (ethos- “I know the score.”)
- Hyperbole (exaggeration)
- Parallel structure (grammatical structure is mirrored)
- Metaphor/simile (comparing one thing to another)
- Strong repetition (repeating a phrase for emphasis)
(repeating an initial phrase--anaphora)
- Rhetorical Question (not meant to be answered)
- Allusion (alluding to something famous)

- A. Reason/Fact B. Anticipation of objections
C. Hyperbole D. Parallel structure
E. Metaphor/simile

- _____ 1. "Give me liberty or give me death."
_____ 2. "I hope it will not be thought disrespectful"
_____ 3. "...accumulation of navies and armies..."
_____ 4. "...war-like preparations...which darken our land"
_____ 5. "...we have done everything...to avert
the storm ..."

- A. Strong repetition
- B. Rhetorical Question
- C. Hyperbole
- D. Allusion
- E. Concession to the opposition

_____ 6. "... those chains which the British ministry have been so long forging ..."

_____ 7. "... we have petitioned; we have remonstrated; we have supplicated ..."

_____ 8. "Why stand we here idle?"

_____ 9. "... to be betrayed with a kiss."

_____ 10. "No man thinks more highly than I do of the patriotism ..."

Journal # _____

- Write your own revolutionary speech about any topic you like.
- Use at least four of the persuasive techniques Henry used. (These same techniques are used in many orations.)
- Underline the words and label the type of technique in the margin next to it.

Whose Line Is It Anyway?

- “Give me liberty or give me death!”
- Patrick Henry
- “These are the times that try men’s souls.”
- Thomas Paine
- “Up, Sluggard, and waste not life: in the grave will be sleeping enough.”
- Benjamin Franklin
- “We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal....”
- Thomas Jefferson
- “Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of man.”
- De Crevecoeur