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Worksheet One

Rhetorical devices

Brainstorm the types of purposes a writer may have.

Can you think of an example of each type of writing below? If you thought of some above that are not in the list then add them in the spaces provided.

To explain something: _____

To persuade you: _____

To amuse you: _____

To give you information: _____

To entertain you: _____

To shock you: _____

To make you feel strongly about something: _____

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Worksheet Two

Alliteration

Can you fill in these sentences with alliterative words?

1. The _____ weather made me feel
_____!

2. _____ is a _____

3. I can't believe how _____
_____ was!

Rhetorical questions

Write a list of five rhetorical questions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Identify the rhetorical device

Write the rhetorical device used next to each sentence below.

Teachers at this school are hardworking, intelligent and professional. _____

The ship sailed slowly into the sunset. _____

I'm walking on air. _____

90% of the population watched England win the rugby World Cup. _____

I realize you're a very busy person. _____

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Worksheet Three

Martin Luther King

In this famous speech, how has Martin Luther King made his meaning so effective? Annotate it to show the different rhetorical devices.

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, ‘When will you be satisfied?’ We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of our cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating ‘For whites only’. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.