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Partner Work: Making Sense of Pre-20th Century Text and the Voice of the Verb

Syntax means _____.

Directions: Read the sentences on the board and write the subjects and verbs on the lines:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Fully appreciating the hardship to be encountered, firmly believing in the right of their cause, honorably inviting the scrutiny of an on-looking world, reverently appealing to heaven to attest their sincerity, soundly comprehending the solemn responsibility they were about to assume, wisely measuring the terrible odds against them, your fathers, the fathers of this republic, did, most deliberately, under the inspiration of a glorious patriotism, and with a sublime faith in the great principles of justice and freedom, lay deep the corner-stone of the national superstructure, which has risen and still rises in grandeur around you.

(Frederick Douglass, "What Is the Fourth of July to Me?")

4. _____

5. _____

Video Notes: How do you use voice effectively to put emphasis on the actor or the action?

Which is preferred in English? (active) (passive)

List the four reasons to use the passive voice:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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Active or Passive?

1. My mother and I were separated when I was but an infant. (A) (P)
2. [A white man] was admitted to be [my father] by all. (A) (P)
3. [Aunt Hester] had been found in company with Lloyd's Ned. (A) (P)
4. He had ordered her not to go out evenings, and warned her that she must never let him catch her in company with a young man, who was paying attention to her.
(A) (P)