

RHETORICAL DEVICES ANALYSIS FORMULA

The terms such as diction, tone, and syntax are fairly meaningless unless they illuminate the author's rhetorical intentions. This exercise is intended to support stronger rhetorical analysis.

DICTION:

Write 1 sentence for _____'s piece using:

- The **author's name**
- An **adjective** (such as: *sophisticated, nostalgic, inventive, childlike, balanced, flashy, folksy, colloquial, etc.*)
- The term "**diction**"
- A strong **verb** (such as: *demonstrates, creates, emphasizes, generates, fulfills, advocates, etc.*)
- The **function** of the word choice (what those choices DQ for the piece)
- **Two (2) examples**

TONE:

Write 1 sentence for _____'s piece using:

- The **author's name**
- An **adjective** (such as: *sophisticated, nostalgic, inventive, childlike, balanced, flashy, folksy, colloquial, etc.*)
- The term "**tone**"
- A strong **verb** (such as: *demonstrates, creates, emphasizes, generates, fulfills, advocates, etc.*)
- The **function** of the word choice (what those choices DQ for the piece)
- **Two (2) examples**

Rhetorical device of your choice:

Write 1 sentence for _____'s piece using:

- The **author's name**
- An **adjective** (such as: *sophisticated, nostalgic, inventive, childlike, balanced, flashy, folksy, colloquial, etc.*)
- The term "**(your choice)**"
- A strong **verb** (such as: *demonstrates, creates, emphasizes, generates, fulfills, advocates, etc.*)
- The **function** of the word choice (what those choices DQ for the piece)
- **Two (2) examples**

EXAMPLE: Andrist's flashy diction recreates the dynamic personality of General Custer with word choice such as "flamboyant" and "teetotaler."

- ✓ **author's name** = Andrist
- ✓ **adjective** = flashy
- ✓ **term** = diction
- ✓ **verb** = recreates
- ✓ **function** = (recreates) dynamic personality of General Custer
- ✓ **Two examples** = flamboyant, teetotaler

EXAMPLE: Woolf's vivid imagery invokes the excitement of her fishing trip with phrases such as "the line thrilled" and the fish "flapping this way and that."

Author's name + Adjective + Term + Strong Verb + Function + 2 Examples = Rhetorical Analysis