

JFK Speech

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Sentence Structure

“This much we pledge -- and more.” (Kennedy para.6)

Parallelism

“...and bring the absolute power to destroy other nations under the absolute control of all nations” (Kennedy Para.17).

Punctuation

“We observe today not a victory of party, but a celebration of freedom -- symbolizing an end, as well as a beginning -- signifying renewal, as well as change.” (Kennedy para. 1)

Simile

“This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions” (MLK para. 2)

Metaphor

“...our last best hope in an age where the instruments of war have far outpaced the instruments of peace,” (Kennedy para.11)

Analogy

“In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check” (MLK Para.4).

Signifying

“There are some who say -- There are some who say that communism is the wave of the future,” (Kennedy para. 4)

Hyperbole

“We observe today not a victory of party, but a celebration of freedom -- symbolizing an end, as well as a beginning -- signifying renewal, as well as change.” (Kennedy para.1)

Understatement

“ The world is very different now” (Kennedy Para. 3).

Rhetorical Question

“Will you join in that historic effort?”
(Kennedy para. 23)

Antonomasia

“To our sister republics south of our border,…”(Kennedy para. 10)

Irony

“This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the “unalienable Rights” of “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note,” (MLK para. 4)

Antithesis

“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” (Kennedy Para. 25)

Anaphora

“Nor will it be finished in the first one thousand days; nor in the life of this Administration; nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet” (Kennedy para. 20)

Reversed Structure

“I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream” (MLK Para.16).

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