

Speeches With Style

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Sentence Structure

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character (I Have A Dream)."

This enhances the meaning of the speech because it makes it more clearer and more precise on the dreams that Martin Luther King has.

* King, Martin L., Jr. "I Have A Dream." American Rhetoric. American Rhetoric, n.d. Web. 27 Mar. 2013.

Parallelism

"With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able **to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together,** knowing that we will be free one day."

Here, the "to" is repeated to put emphasis on what Martin Luther King Jr. wanted/hoped for the nation.

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Punctuation

"Free at last! Free at last!

Thank God Almighty, we
are free at last (I Have A
Dream)!"

This helps enhance the meaning by separating it from the rest of the speech. The exclamation points help make these sentences stand out and give more importance to them, helping the reader realize the author's tone.

Hyperbole

"With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

He's exaggerating that faith can help us do anything.

Understatement

- * "I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation"
- * I wasn't just a demonstration; it changed the USA.

Signifying

- * Assembly Speaker: Our first order of business --
- * Simms: And our last if we vote a levy.
- * Assembly Speaker: Order! Order! Mr. Simms, you do not have the floor. Our first order of business will be an address by Colonel Harry Burwell of the Continental Army. Colonel Burwell...

Columbia Pictures, 2000.

Antithesis

* "Its requirements are for the things that are right, and it's restraints are from the things that are wrong."

It enhances the text because the quote uses two opposites to explain to you what is happening, so the reader/listener can better understand the text.

Anaphora

"Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring."

This enhances the text because, it shows and repeats that freedom shouldn't just be in a single place, it should be everywhere in the U.S.

Reversed Structure

* "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." - JFK
Inaugural Address, Jan. 20 1961.

This enhances the speech because, it makes you think about what you want, and then makes you try and achieve that want yourself.

Smilie

* justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

It's shows how strong the impact would be because water is powerful

King Jr. , Martin Luther. "I Have A Dream." *American Rhetoric*. Web. 27 Mar 2013.

Analogy

- * The old priest told Ali Hafed that if he had one diamond the size of his thumb he could purchase the county, and if he had a mine of diamonds he could place his children upon thrones through the influence of their great wealth

It shows the relationship of how much diamonds are really worth

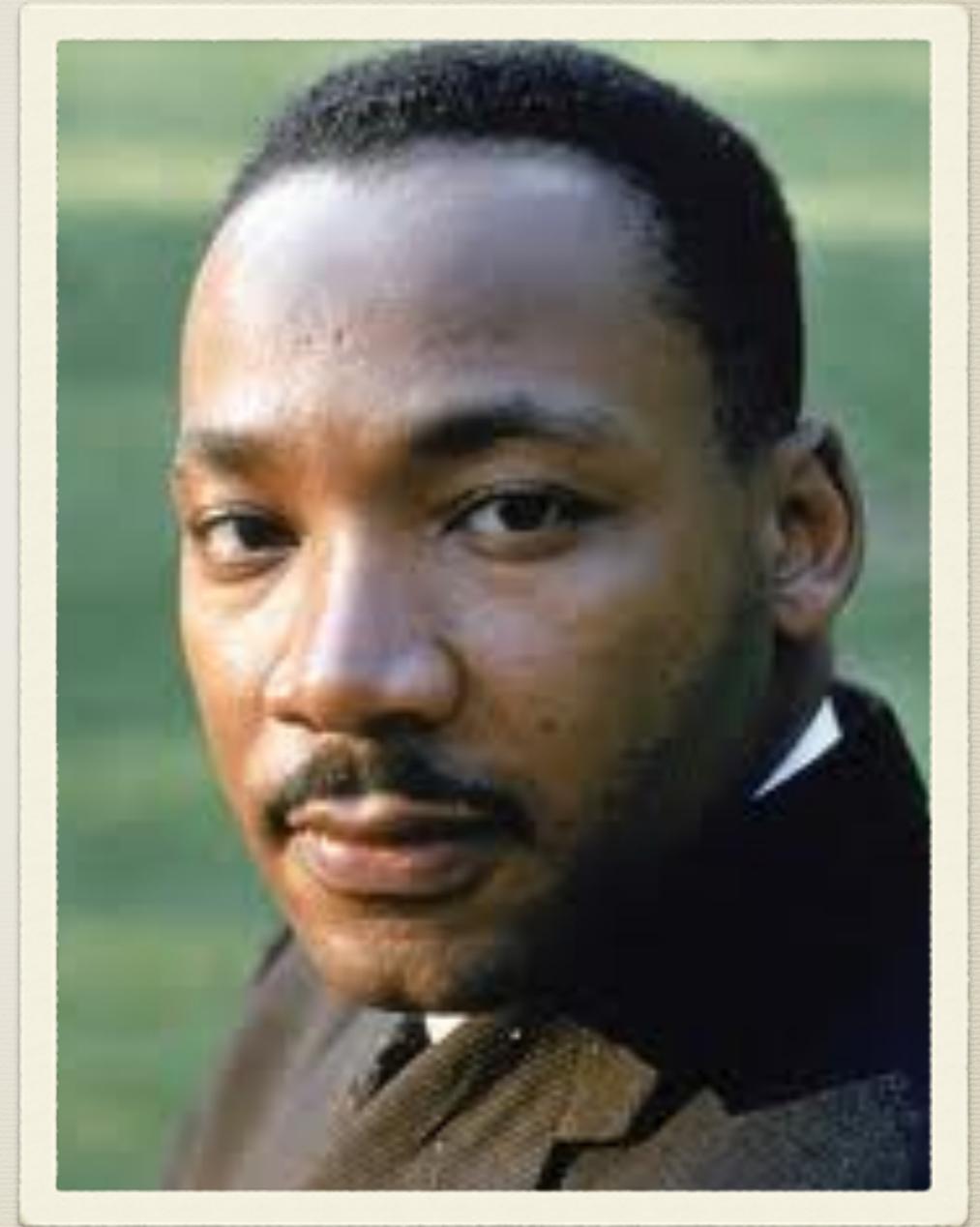
Conwell, Russel. "Arces of Diamonds". *American Rhetoric*.
Web. 27 Mar 2013.

Metaphor

- * "The nation is sick." It helps enhance the speech because it compares the nation to something everyone hates; therefore, it shows how bad off the nation is.
- * King Jr., Martin Luther. "I've been on the mountain top." *American Rhetoric*. Web. 27 Mar 2013

Irony

- * "And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition,"(King).
- * This is shown because even though the emancipation proclamation is signed show a great step forward in change. He still believes it to be "shameful". This helps his speech to add on for more change.



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Rhetorical question

- * "Who can doubt, if the entire body of the world's scientists and engineers had adequate amounts of fissionable material with which to test and develop their ideas, that this capability would rapidly be transformed into universal, efficient, and economic usage?" (Eisenhower).
- * This line helped his speech and the audience by having some ethos with " the world's scientist and engineer" backing him up. With the Audience they understand how confident he is with this idea.



Eisenhower, Dwight. "Atoms for peace." *American Rhetoric*. Web. 23 September 1952.

Antonomasia

- * "The evil empire" (Reagan).
- * "the temptation of blithely declaring yourselves above it all and label both sides equally at fault, to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong and good and evil." (Reagan).
- * Reagan uses this in his speech to talk about society today. This helps his speech because he is then able to show how we've changed.

