

Analyzing Political Speeches

Part I. Use this form to help compare the structure of Martin Luther King's *I Have a Dream* speech with Old Major's speech in Chapter One. Find phrases from each speech that serve as appropriate examples for each box below.

Basic Structure	I Have A Dream	Old Major's Speech
Describe the present situation Who's benefiting under the current conditions?		
Prove unfairness Who's suffering under the current situation?		
Provide a vision of a better way What would the conditions be like if the conditions were fairer than they are now?		
Call for Action What must be done to achieve fairer conditions?		

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Part II. Use this form to help compare the rhetorical tools used in Martin Luther King's *I Have a Dream* speech with Old Major's speech in Chapter One. Find examples of each to place in the appropriate box below.

Rhetorical tools	I Have A Dream	Old Major's Speech
Alliteration Examples of repetition of sounds "May men of merit be motivated to act!"		
Repetition Key words or phrases that are repeated for emphasis.		
Metaphor List comparisons that help listeners "envision" meaning. "Let our dream soar on wings of optimism!"		
Rhetorical Questions List questions that are for effect rather than to be answered. "We will stand now on the brink of history or will we let the moment pass unchallenged?"		
Allusion Find historical or literary references. "President Kennedy once told us to 'Ask what we could do for our country.' And now it is the time to DO!"		