

## 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
<p><b>Describe the present situation</b> Who's benefiting under the current conditions?</p>		
<p><b>Prove unfairness</b> Who's suffering under the current situation?</p>		
<p><b>Provide a vision of a better way</b> What would the conditions be like if the conditions were fairer than they are now?</p>		
<p><b>Call for Action</b> What must be done to achieve fairer conditions?</p>		

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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
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Alliteration</b></p> <p>Examples of repetition of sounds "May men of merit be motivated to act!"</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Repetition</b></p> <p>Key words or phrases that are repeated for emphasis.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Metaphor</b></p> <p>List comparisons that help listeners "envision" meaning. "Let our dream soar on wings of optimism!"</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rhetorical Questions</b></p> <p>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?"</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Allusion</b></p> <p>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!"</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Parallelism</p>		