

Literary Analysis

RHETORICAL DEVICES

Rhetorical devices are techniques used by writers to communicate ideas and strengthen arguments. These techniques include the following:

- analogy** a comparison between two dissimilar things to explain an unfamiliar subject in terms of a familiar one
- antithesis** the expression of contrasting ideas in parallel grammatical form
- repetition** the repeated use of a word or phrase for emphasis
- rhetorical question** a question to which no answer is expected

Directions: Identify the rhetorical device used in each passage listed in the first column of the chart. For each rhetorical device, explain what the author is emphasizing.

Lines	Rhetorical Device Used	What the Author Is Emphasizing
from <i>Utopia</i> , lines 8–9		
from <i>Utopia</i> , lines 21–24		
“Speech,” lines 10–11		
“Speech,” line 14		

from UTOPIA / SPEECH BEFORE THE
SPANISH ARMADA INVASION