

Literary Analysis

DEDUCTIVE REASONING

A writer using deductive reasoning begins with a generalization, or premise. The writer then presents facts and evidence that support the premise and lead to a conclusion. In this essay, Huxley begins with a premise about the connection between the words we use and the actions we commit. He applies this idea to the specific situation of war and then provides many examples that illustrate the principle.

Directions: Complete this chart to analyze Huxley's use of deductive reasoning. State the general principle that Huxley presents in the opening paragraph. Then identify the specific situation and give several examples that Huxley uses to support his analysis. Finally, summarize the conclusion he draws based on this reasoning.

General Principle				
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Specific Situation				
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Examples				
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Conclusion				