

“THE SPEECH TO THE VIRGINIA CONVENTION”

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RHETORICAL ANALYSIS

1. Define his thesis: you have 10 words max
2. Describe 3 points Henry uses to support his thesis and explain whether each example is primarily logos or pathos.
3. Cite two examples of Henry’s attempt at establishing an appropriate ethos, and what that appropriate ethos is that he establishes given his audience.
4. ~~Cite and analyze 2 examples of “loaded language,” a specific element of diction.~~
5. Cite and analyze one example of metaphor.
6. Cite and analyze one example of allusion.
6. Cite and analyze 2 other rhetorical devices of your own choice different from the techniques above.
7. Cite and analyze 2 different rhetorical fallacies in Henry’s argument.
8. Compare this piece with the Declaration in the following areas:
 1. Which piece uses more logos? More pathos?
 2. What is the audience of each piece?
 3. What are the differences in rhetoric used by each author?
 4. Do the differences in rhetoric make sense given the purpose of each writer and given the audience of each?
 5. Is one piece more effectively persuasive than the other?