

Chief Logan's Lament – Analysis Worksheet

Occasion For what occasion was this speech delivered?	
Audience Who was the speech delivered to?	
Purpose What is Chief Logan's purpose? What is he trying to accomplish with this speech?	
Rhetorical Devices What rhetorical devices does this speech use? (see definition at bottom)	
Note anything else that you noticed about the speech	

Rhetorical Devices: techniques that speakers use to get their point across

Some examples of rhetorical devices are:

Repetition: repeated words or phrases – if you keep saying the same thing over and over, it tends to stick in the listener's head

Allusion: referring to well known person, event, or piece of literature, like the Bible – is there any part of the speech that reminds you of something you have read or heard before?

Parallelism: repetition of a sentence form – Abraham Lincoln used parallelism in the Gettysburg Address when he said "of the people, by the people, and for the people" All three parts of that selection are prepositional phrases that end with the same word "of the people, by the people, and for the people"

Imagery: trying to paint a picture in your listener's head with words

Rhetorical question: when the speaker asks a question but does not actually expect an answer from the audience

Alliteration: repetition of consonant sounds, like Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

Pathos: appealing to your listener's emotion, trying to make them feel the same way you feel