

Rhetorical Devices of Repetition

Anaphoras, Antimetables, Epistrophes, Epanalepsis, Anadiplosis

Schemes v. Tropes

- **Trope:** The use of a word, phrase, or image in a way not intended by its normal signification.
- **Scheme:** A change in standard word order or pattern.
 - Because all of my given devices use repetition and manipulate the order of words, they are schemes.

The devices

- All are grouped together because they repeat certain words or phrases, just at different places in a sentence or clause.

Repetition: repeating sounds, words, grammatical patterns, or phrases to emphasize a point.

Anaphora

- consists of repeating a sequence of words at the beginnings of neighboring clauses, thereby lending them emphasis.
 - Ex: Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night, seven times cursed and seven times sealed. Never shall I forget that smoke. Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, whose bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent blue sky. Never shall I forget those flames which consumed my faith forever. Never shall I forget that nocturnal silence which deprived me, for all eternity, of the desire to live.

— Elie Wiesel, Night

Antimetabole

- the repetition of words in successive clauses, but in transposed grammatical order
 - Ex: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."
-John F. Kennedy

Epanalepsis

- by the repetition of the initial word (or words) of a clause or sentence at the end of that same clause or sentence.
 - by having the same phrase at the beginning and end, the speaker calls special attention to it.
 - Ex: The king is dead, long live the king.

Anadiplosis

- the repetition of the last word of a preceding clause.
- The word is used at the end of a sentence and then used again at the beginning of the next sentence.
 - Ex: Isolation breeds insecurity; insecurity breeds suspicion and fear; suspicion and fear breed violence."

Epistrophe

- repetition of the same word or words at the end of successive phrases, clauses or sentences.
- extremely emphatic device because of the emphasis placed on the last word in a phrase or sentence.
 - Ex: government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.
-Abraham Lincoln

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