

WV TREE Resource: English Language Arts

Resource Name: Oratory and American Audience

Grade Level(s): 5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade 9th Grade
 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade

Resource Summary/Overview: This activity allows for student engagement in the argumentative process by having students select a prominent 20th century speech from American history and note the claims. While it is not a lesson plan that would teach them what these tools are, it serves as a means to help auditory and visual learners connect what they see and hear to its significance in writing.

Length: 2 45minute class periods

Domain(s) Addressed: Reading Writing Speaking/Listening Language

West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards:

ELA.11.11, ELA.11.12, ELA.11.32

Delivery Method(s): Direct Instruction Whole Group Pairs
 Small Group Computer-based Individual
 Other (explain): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Resource Materials: Text(s) Handouts Media Rubric
 Other (explain): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Resource Purpose(s): Engage/Activate Introduce Topic/Skill Review Topic/Skill
 Formative Assessment Summative Assessment
 Reinforce Skill Enrichment Intervention/Support
 Other (explain): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Instructor Notes: Students have often heard some of these prominent speeches, but they haven't attempted to examine the appeals the speakers are making to the audience. This activity will help many students struggling with audience and appeals make larger connections.