



English: Year 7 Autumn 1



Topic 1: Protest Speeches

In this unit, students will understand what a protest speech is; the purpose of rhetoric and how speakers persuade the audience.

Students will analyse language and rhetorical techniques, explaining the effects of speaker's/ writer's choice; identify audience and purpose and develop spoken language skills.

For further information, visit BBC Bitesize and CGP Workbooks

Autumn 1 – 7 lessons per fortnight plus one LRC lesson.

Key topics include:

- **Understanding what a protest and protest speeches.**
- **Considering different areas that people protest about like climate change and racism.**
- **Greta Thunberg and Nelson Mandela**
- **Understanding speakers and writer's method is intentionally.**
- **Considering the context and how this can impact protesting.**
- **Considering the effect and impact of speaker's/ writer's choice.**
- **Understanding that the audience/ reader is being active when reading.**

Assessment:

- 1.) **Interim Knowledge Check:** Completed in Week 3 on 15 key terms and taught content.
- 2.) **End of Unit Assessment:** Students will write their own protest speech on a topic of their choice.

Specialist key terms for this unit:

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| 1. Protest | |
| 2. Injustice | 13. Ethos |
| 3. Equality | 15. Pathos |
| 4. Freedom | 16. Resilience |
| 5. Discrimination | |
| 6. Audience | |
| 7. Apartheid | |
| 8. Persuade | |
| 9. Rhetoric | |
| 10. Repetition | |
| 11. Emotive language | |
| 12. Direct address | |

Key Theorists/theories:

Aristotle's The Art of Rhetoric

Subject reading/further support:

***Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela**

***No One is Too Small to Make a Difference* by Greta Thunberg**

Other Autobiographies of public figures who have fight for a cause.

Suggested enrichment/wider reading activities:

Compare famous protest speeches and identify similarities and differences in purpose, audience, tone and persuasive techniques.

Research a protest movement such as Civil Rights Movement, Suffragettes, Anti-Apartheid Movement or Climate Activism.