

Rhetorical Devices Notecards

Directions: Use the words and their terms to match them together. Then, paste or tape the term on one side of a notecard, and the definition on the other.

analyze	diction	to prove or show (something) to be just, right, or reasonable
synthesize	syntax	an appeal to the audience's sympathies and imagination
claim	tone	to officially say what the amount, value, or rate of (something) is
inference	thesis	the attitude the speaker has toward the subject and/or toward the audience
criteria	style	a judgment based on reasoning rather than on direct or explicit statements (reading between the lines)
critique		
evaluate	the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language	
justify		
assess	to examine critically, carefully, and in detail	
rebuttal		
counterclaim	the choice of words and phrases in speech and writing	a standard on which a judgment or decision may be based
argument		
ethos	to judge the value or condition of (someone or something) in a careful and thoughtful way	a claim made to offset another claim, especially one made by the defendant in a legal action
pathos		
logos	to assert in the face of possible contradiction	

the speech act of refuting
by offering a contrary
contention or argument

a proposition stated or put
forward for consideration,
especially one to be
discussed and proved or to
be maintained against
objections

the trustworthiness or
credibility of the writer or
speaker

a careful judgment in which
you give your opinion about
the good and bad parts of
something (such as a piece
of writing or a work of art)

to make (something) by
combining different things

the expressive qualities
that distinguish an author's
work, including word choice,
sentence structure, and
figures of speech

a discussion involving
different points of view;
debate; a process of
reasoning

the clarity of the claim, the
logic of its reasons, and
the effectiveness of its
supporting evidence