

Let's Review!
TRIAC method of paragraphing

Topic Sentence
(that is to say, ...) Restrictive Sentence
Examples to illustrate the restrictive sentence
Analysis
Concluding sentence

An example of a simple paragraph:

Each season offers some delight, but fall is my favorite season. **That is to say**, fall provides visual delights in a comfortable setting. **For example**, the trees turn color in autumn, giving a banquet of colors and sounds. They may be yellow, bright red, veined with green. **(Analysis:)** When the leaves fall, they remind people that life is fleeting and should be cherished. **(Another Example:)** They crunch when people walk through them, and children leap into pile of leaves with a gusto **(Analysis:)** they cannot muster in the heat of the spring and summer. **(Concluding sentence:)** While spring, summer, and winter each has its charms, autumn is the only season that is both beautiful and temperate, and so I like it best.

Simple TRIAC method paragraph from FYS 111

Although King's "I Have a Dream" speech is persuasive because he uses ethos and pathos well and logos adequately, the reason the speech succeeds is because of King's effective delivery that both involves and controls the audience.

TRIAC body paragraph 1

Topic Sentence:

King uses the rhetorical appeal ethos well in his "I Have a Dream" speech.

Restrictive Sentence:

That is to say, he establishes himself as a person worthy of the trust of the audience, given the context of the Civil Rights Movement.

Examples for Illustration:

For example, Dr. King is an African American man who has lived through the segregation he explores in his speech. He has had to enter buildings through the entrances labeled Colored.

Additionally, the audience would have known about his time in jail in Birmingham, and so they

would have also understood that, for him, “creative suffering” involves both real suffering and the consideration of the path forward for African people in the United States. **Furthermore**, the audience might be more likely to trust him because he has a stake in the future: his little children whom he wishes to see judged by their characters, not the color of their skin. **Finally**, King is a Christian minister, and his knowledge and use of the Bible in his speech, as in “making straight the way of the Lord” and the use of the Book of Amos from the Bible

Analysis:

would have resonated with many of his audience members. King would have had many commonalities with his audience, his race, his history, his faith in God, as the viewer of the speech can see from the appearance of the majority of the audience and the responses of the entire audience to his words. They listen to King, and nod and clap in approval.

Conclusion:

Thus, he argues persuasively because he presents himself as a trustworthy authority on the subject of segregation in the United States in the 20th century.