




Rhetorical Verbs
Words to Give “Uses” a Break

Rhetorical Modes	Classical Argument Structure (Oration)	Other Verbs of Merit
<p>Narration</p> <p>1. Narrates</p> <p>Description</p> <p>2. Describes</p> <p>Exemplification</p> <p>3. Exemplifies</p> <p>4. Provides</p> <p>Compare and Contrast</p> <p>5. Compares</p> <p>6. Contrasts</p> <p>7. Juxtaposes</p> <p>Classification and Division</p> <p>8. Divides</p> <p>9. Classifies</p> <p>10. Categorizes</p> <p>11. Characterizes</p> <p>Definition</p> <p>12. Defines</p> <p>Process Analysis</p> <p>13. Initiates</p> <p>14. Provides</p> <p>15. Analyzes</p> <p>Cause and Effect</p> <p>16. Causes</p> <p>17. Affects</p>	<p>Exordium & Background</p> <p>1. Creates</p> <p>2. Contextualizes</p> <p>3. Initiates</p> <p>4. Introduces</p> <p>5. Illustrates</p> <p>Partition</p> <p>6. Presents</p> <p>7. Develops</p> <p>8. Claims</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>9. Confirms</p> <p>10. Supports</p> <p>11. Rationalizes</p> <p>12. Legitimizes</p> <p>Refutation</p> <p>13. Challenges</p> <p>14. Refutes</p> <p>15. Defends</p> <p>So What?</p> <p>16. Pleads</p> <p>17. Instigates</p> <p>18. Clarifies</p> <p>19. Implies</p> <p>20. Posits</p> <p>21. Calls to Action</p>	<p>1. Considers</p> <p>2. Reasons</p> <p>3. Evokes</p> <p>4. Elicits</p> <p>5. Implies</p> <p>6. Addresses</p> <p>7. Provides</p> <p>8. Distinguishes</p> <p>9. Demonstrates</p> <p>10. Provokes</p> <p>11. Maintains</p> <p>12. Repeats</p> <p>13. Avoids</p> <p>14. Concludes</p> <p>15. Excludes</p> <p>16. Focuses</p> <p>17. Incites</p> <p>18. Inspires</p> <p>19. Ridicules</p> <p>20. Opposes</p> <p>21. Assumes</p> <p>22. Speculates</p> <p>23. Sympathizes</p> <p>24. Alludes</p> <p>25. Exposes</p> <p>26. Reveals</p>
		

Literary Verbs

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Addressing Exposition	Verbs to Pair with Literary Devices	Evaluating Author's Purpose
Contextualizes Chronicles Identifies Incites Introduces Narrates Outlines	Creates Expresses Foreshadows Hyperbolizes Illustrates Overstates Personifies Presents Represents	Advocates Argues Accepts Advocates Alludes Attacks Attributes Challenges Claims Concludes Considers Defends Defies Demonstrates Elicits Envisions Evokes Explores Guides Highlights Illuminates Imagines Implies Indicates Interprets Justifies Manipulates Moralizes Observes Ponders Promotes Proposes Qualifies Questions Rationalizes Reflects Ridicules Suggests
Description	Satirizes Symbolizes Understates	
Defines Depicts Describes Details Develops Displays Dramatizes Explains Illustrates Summarizes Traces		
Addressing Comparisons		
Compares Contrasts Correlates Differentiates Distinguishes Juxtaposes		
Addressing Characterization		
Categorizes Characterizes Transforms		