

## **Year 11 Advanced**

### **Language of Politics and Persuasion**

#### **Speeches:**

1. Identify the tone used in the speeches by Malcolm X, Jessie Street and Barack Obama. How does the use of modality help to create tone? Provide one example from each speech.
2. All three speeches rely on the use of rhetoric devices to present their ideas, and persuade the audience. For each speech, identify the most effective, or dominant, technique used, provide a quote and explain why you believe it to be the most effective.
3. How do the speakers use emotive language effectively to persuade their audiences?
4. How are anecdotes an effective form of persuasion? Provide examples of this from at least one of the speeches.
5. Which of these speeches do you find to be the most effective in persuading an audience, with particular regard to their political stance?

#### **Poems:**

1. Do you believe that poetry is an effective political tool in regards to persuading the reader to believe, or act, in a certain way?
2. How does Haines represent his political beliefs in 'City of Orphans'? Provide quotes to support your answer.
3. W.B Yeats uses a great deal of symbolism in his poem 'The Second Coming'. Do you think this detracts from his political message, or supports it? Use quotes to support your answer.
4. Poetry can be used as a political anthem, or rallying call. How is Al-Shabi's 'The Will To Live' an example of this? Which lines stand out the most as a call to action?
5. What comment do these poems make about the complacency of the human race, and what suggestions are made about the future if this complacency continues? Provide quotes from all three poems to support your answer.