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# Rhetorical Showdown: The Ultimate Persuasion Challenge



**Objective:** You will write a persuasive monologue as a passionate advocate for an outrageous cause. Your goal is to incorporate the rhetorical strategies listed below to strengthen your argument.

Here are some possible causes:

Why pineapples should be the national symbol of power.

Why naps should be legally required during the school day.

Why socks should never match.



**Here's what you need to incorporate in your monologue:**

- **Ethos:** Establish credibility (e.g., "As a lifelong nap enthusiast and researcher in the field of relaxation...")
- **Pathos:** Appeal to emotions (e.g., "Think of all the exhausted children, barely able to lift their pencils, suffering in silence.")
- **Logos:** Use logical reasoning (e.g., "Studies show that power naps improve cognitive function by 34%.")
- **Figurative Language:** Include at least one of each: simile, metaphor, personification, and hyperbole.
- **Repetition:** use anaphora to emphasize a point.
  - Anaphora (repetition at the beginning of successive clauses): "We will fight for justice. We will fight for freedom. We will fight for those who cannot fight for themselves."
- **Rhetorical Questions:** Pose at least one thought-provoking rhetorical question.
- **Anecdote:** Add a personal (or fictional) anecdote for relatability.
- **Allusion:** Refer to a famous historical event, book, or figure.
- **Analogy:** Make a clever comparison (e.g., "Banning naps is like banning WiFi—without it, productivity crumbles.")
- **Satire & Sarcasm:** Add humor to mock opposing viewpoints.

