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The Chreia: “To be prepared for war ...”

“To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.”
—George Washington, speech to both houses of Congress, January 8, 1790

Discovery

List several facts about the author.

I. Encomium

Introduction

Write a sentence that introduces the author. Include a figure of description.

Praises

Write three praises for the author.

Thesis

Write a thesis statement, which states what you will speak about.

7. Testimony

Quotation and Source

Choose a quotation that supports the saying and write it below. Tell the source of the quotation. Write a sentence that explains how the quote is similar to the chreia.

8. Epilogue

Audience and Challenge

Write a phrase that names the audience, and call the audience to a particular response.

Variations

Directions

Give two synonyms for the bold words in each sentence. Then vary the sentence in three ways, and include one of these figures of speech in a sentence:

enallage - to vary by slightly altering a word; e.g., to change a noun into an adjective, or change a verb from active to passive

antonomasia - to vary by changing the name of someone or something; e.g., Jesus/the Messiah; the star/Sun

metonymy - to vary by substituting a word with its source (e.g., rays/sun) or with what holds or contains it (e.g., water/jug)

diminutio - to vary words to change an idea into an understatement; e.g., "It is an amputation!" / "It's just a flesh wound."

A. A **strong wind rattled** the **windows**. (diminutio)

1.

2.

3.

B. The **summer** breeze **puffed half-heartedly** through the **oak**. (antonomasia)

	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
1.	_____			

2.	_____			

3.	_____			

C. The **stars sparkled diamond-like** in the arctic **sky**. (metonymy)

	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
1.	_____			

2.	_____			

3.	_____			

D. **Look** at the heavens and **count** the stars—if **indeed** you **can** count them. (enallage)

	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
1.	_____			

2.	_____			

3.	_____			

Final Draft

Check each of the eight heads above and correct errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite the eight paragraphs, including one figure of speech, in the form of a final draft. Include the saying above your essay.