

Propaganda

Persuasive language is used in propaganda, as the propagandist tries to convince and persuade the audience of their viewpoint or idea.

TECHNIQUES USED IN PROPAGANDA:

Name-calling: Negative names are used for the ‘enemy’ or opposition, so that the audience has an emotional response to them and are immediately biased against them

Generalities: Linking positive, general, and commonly accepted words (“love,” “family,” “democracy”) with a person, group, or cause to make an audience approve without careful consideration

Euphemisms: Substituting words or phrases with softer, ‘nicer’ ones to create a more positive response or to mislead intentionally (“senior citizen” for “old person,” “collateral damage” for “civilian casualties”)

Appeal to celebrity / authority: using well-known personalities to endorse a person, group, or cause. / An appeal to a ‘higher authority’ to back up the point

Plain folks/Camaraderie: Trying to convince an audience that someone is “one of them”— this helps to convince the audience that they ‘know how they feel’, even if they do not

Bandwagon: Claiming that an audience should do something because “everybody else is doing it” - this plays on people’s fear of being left out

Fear: Warning an audience that something horrible will happen to them if they don’t take certain action

Hyperbole: An exaggeration, or exaggerated statement to make a point ('never'/'always')

How many propaganda techniques can you find used in the following World War posters? Identify and explain how the technique is used in each of the following. You must find at least one in each.



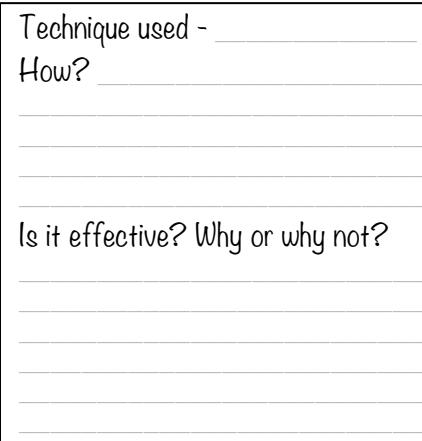
Technique used - _____
How? _____

Is it effective? Why or why not?



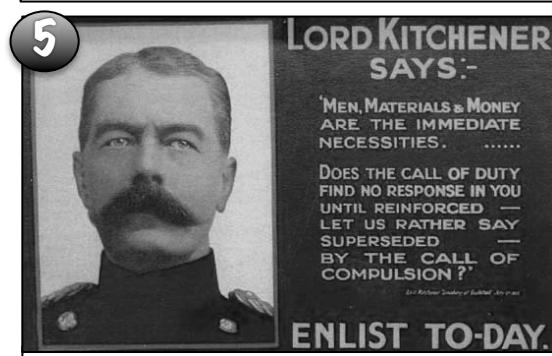
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