



Analyzing Figures

Voila an attempt to clarify the assignment:

Introduction (Follow guidelines for Intro Strategy #2 in Appendix.)

1. Introduce and contextualize your text.
2. Ask a question, identify a problem, or describe a puzzle. Given this assignment, you could question the common idea that figures and tropes are merely “ornamentation,” “flowery” or excessive language.
3. Use Bennett to introduce a better view of the role of figures and tropes. Cite and clarify key passages that deal with the role figures and tropes play. Citing something like “the meaning of a text cannot be separated from its expression, its figures” would help, but there are lots of possibilities.
4. Thesis—Make a claim about the importance of figures and tropes in your text.

In other words, given that you are supposed to ask, “What are the effects of rhetorical and literary figures in this text? What purpose do they serve? And how do they function?” you need to simultaneously identify specific figures/tropes and make a claim about their effect or function.

Supporting Paragraphs

Your supporting paragraphs should begin along the lines of ...

