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Rhetorical Analysis Essay (Conclusion Example)

Kennedy's Inaugural Address succeeds because its rhetorical strategies are calibrated to the specific pressures of January 1961. The antithesis creates clarity in the face of Cold War uncertainty. The anaphora generates forward momentum at a moment when the country needed confidence more than caution. The appeal to sacrifice works not because it demands something new but because it names something the audience had already given, and Kennedy understood that naming it back to them was more persuasive than asking for it again. A different audience in a different year might have required different tools. Kennedy read his moment precisely, and the choices follow from that reading.



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