

Rhetorical Devices

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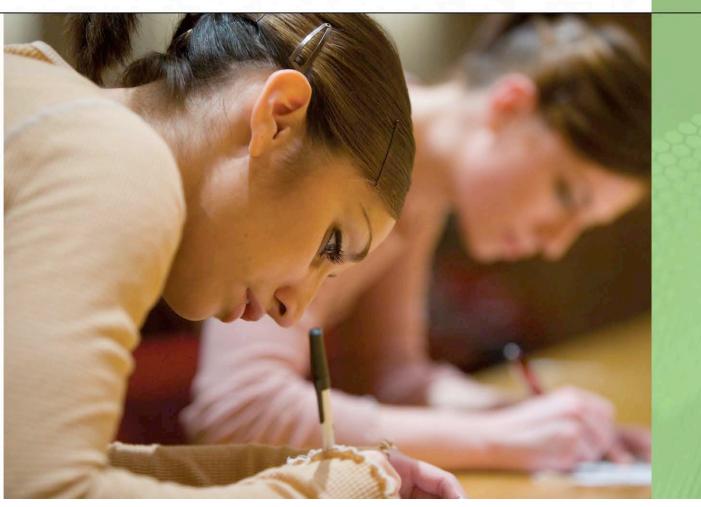


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Allusion

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• Ever since the accident that killed her husband and son, the woman across the street has lived bitter and secluded like Miss Havisham.

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• Next we come to the fruit fly—the drosophila melanogaster, that tiny, insubstantial bug, on whom the foundations of biology have rested for so long.