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Rhetorical Analysis Part 1

June Jordan
“Nobody Mean More To Me Than You”

I think the author's intended audience are African Americans and anyone who has experienced oppression or prejudice against what beliefs or values they may have. Some examples are how hard it is for victims to come forward in a judicial sense. You need lots of money. Without money you'll need to have the support of a great number of people to be noticed and that isn't something small families of victims can do very often. I think this text tries to inform, educate, and call to action. She informs the reader about the different uses of English in different African countries, then educates the reader of her rules to Black English provided in the text, and calls to action people to come together and speak up using their words to push for a change in the way things work in society. You can even say she shocked the reader with Willie's story because it was a very real thing: the death of a loved one and then the surprise that society doesn't care for that and won't even try to find the truth. To many who have never thought about it, this can be a shock. I believe the main claim is that we should be more aware of what we say to other people when it comes to their beliefs and anything that differentiates them from what we perceive as normal because there is no such thing as normal and we should respect one another's choices to be what we want. There is plenty of textual evidence in the text. The incorporation of her students' writing and quotes, the information relating to the use of the English language in African countries, and the story and personal essay of Willie. An example for the rhetorical strategy logos in June Jordan's writing is page 1 paragraph 3. In this paragraph she explains the use of English in countries and its many different variations. An example for ethos is on page 2 paragraph 3. In this paragraph she is showing her relation to the topic and how she was a teacher of black English to a group of young black women and men. And finally an example for pathos would be Willie's personal essay about the unjust police killing of his brother. This part of the paper really brings the heat and emotion it lights a fire under the reader which is what you need when trying to fight such crimes with words. That being said, this is what makes the difference in her paper for me, the reader.

Dear Luigi,

This is a very good analysis. On future analyses, follow the recommendations in the comments.

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