

Political Rhetoric – Essay #4

Political Quotes : Following your own direction of inquiry, select one of the following statements that address the nature of politics, and write an op/ed column of maximum 700 words. Use the quote as a lens or starting point to address a “hot” issue of the day; the goal here is to use ethical rhetoric in a Rogerian mode – you want to “change the mood” in order to change a mind. Start with where you and your audience might share a point of view, and then move to persuade. Pay particular attention to your balance of appeals. Consider the WHS community as your audience. MLA format and citation style required.

- No cause is left but the most ancient of all, the one, in fact, that from the beginning of our history has determined the very existence of politics, the cause of freedom versus tyranny. – Hannah Arendt
- We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people. – John F. Kennedy
- In our age there is no such thing as “keeping out of politics.” All issues are political issues, and politics itself is a mass of lies, evasions, folly, hatred and schizophrenia. – George Orwell
- Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. – Martin Luther King Jr.
- Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little. – Edmund Burke
- Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could. – Abigail Adams
- What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do. – John Ruskin
- If we are to survive, we are to have ideas, vision and courage. These things are rarely produced by communities. Everything that matters in our intellectual and moral life begins with an individual confronting his own mind and conscience in a room by himself. – Arthur Schlesinger Jr.