

Act III: Conversation between Asagai and Beneatha

	Asagai	Beneatha
Speaker Who is the speaker? What are his/her characteristics?		
Occasion What has led to this conversation?		
Audience Who is meant to hear these words?		
Purpose What does the speaker hope to accomplish?		
Subject What is the topic or content of the speech?		
Tone What is the attitude or mood conveyed by the speaker?		

Identifying and Analyzing Rhetorical Devices in Act III
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Quotation	Rhetorical Device	Effect of Device
A: Have I told you how deeply you move me?		
B: Me?...Me?... (and through the rest of that passage)		
A: Children see things very well sometimes – and idealists even better.		
B: This is what you see for the world, for Africa. You with the dreams of the future will patch up all Africa – you are going to cure the Great Sore of Colonialism with Independence–		
B: There is only one large circle that we march in... A: It isn't a circle – it is simply a long line...		
A: And it is very odd but those who see the changes are called "idealists"		
A: I live the answer!		

Quotation	Rhetorical Device	Effect of Device
A: But I will teach and work and things will happen, slowly and swiftly.		
A: The sudden dramatic events that make history leap into the future. And then quiet again.		
A: Guns, murder, revolution		
A: Perhaps		
A: They who might kill me even . . . actually replenish me.		
A: My dear, young creature of the New World		
A: Three hundred years later the African Prince rose up out of the seas and swept the maiden back across the middle passage over which her ancestors had come . . . I will show you our mountains and our stars, and give you cool drinks from gourds and teach you the old songs and the ways of our people		