1. Introduction
2. : I am the first accused speech by nelson Mandela
3. : Given on April 20, 1964 at dock of Supreme court of South Africa, Pretoria
4. : In his defense in the 1964 trial
5. : at the opening of his trial on charges of sabotage
6. : “In the statement which I am about to make I shall correct certain false impressions which have been created by State witnesses”.
7. Logos

I admit immediately that I was one of the persons who helped to form Umkhonto we Sizwe, and that I played a prominent role in its affairs until I was arrested in August 1962.

1. convicted prisoner serving five years” for “leaving the country without a permit” and in doing so he reminds his audience of the inanity of his conviction, a theme which continues on throughout the entirety of his speech.
2. “one of the persons who helped to form Umkhonto” and that he “did so for two reasons.” In stating the charges made against him and defending his rationale in doing so, Mandela further establishes his credibility through the use of logical reasoning.
3. Pathos

Words like war, warfare, violent/violence, and terror—used

liberally throughout his speech—stand out significantly because of a reverse rhetorical

expectation

1. “Today, we are entering a new era for your country and its people.”
2. Emotional and motivational exclamation: “God bless Africa!
3. Ethos

“I am the First Accused. I hold a bachelor’s degree in Arts and practiced as an attorney… for a number of years… I am a convicted prisoner serving five years”

1. “met with sympathy… and promises of help” for their cause in South Africa”
2. Conclusion

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