

Words Of Resolve Answer Key

Sample Responses:

1. His word choice creates feelings of anger, sorrow, and determination.
2. "December 7, 1941" and references to "attack" are repeated to emphasize the significance and gravity of the event.
3. The tone shifts from shock and grief to strength and determination.
4. It's an example of **emotional appeal** and **reassurance**, promising perseverance and victory.
5. It gave citizens hope, direction, and a sense of shared purpose during a frightening time.
6. Sample: "America will stand strong until justice is done."
7. The speech shows that powerful language can unite people, evoke emotion, and move a nation to action.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation Tips:**

- For Grades 7-9: Focus on identifying tone words and defining key vocabulary (e.g., *infamy*, *righteous*, *victory*).
- For Grades 10-12: Have students identify rhetorical devices like **pathos**, **ethos**, and **logos** within the text.

- **Engagement Ideas:**

- Play an audio clip of the original speech to help students hear Roosevelt's tone and pacing.
- Ask students to circle words that made the biggest emotional impact on them.

- **Extension Activities:**

- Have students write a short modern-day speech using similar persuasive techniques to address a current issue.
- Assign a creative reflection: "If you were alive in 1941, how might this speech have changed your feelings about America's role in the war?"