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The title 'Silko's style' discusses about the famous storyteller Leslie Marmon Silko's writing style and how it is appropriate to her storytelling purposes and the writer is using it as an example for rhetoric choices. The tone of the first paragraph of the piece is informative as the writer is informing the reader as to how simple is Silko's way of writing and the next is persuasive as the writing is trying to persuade the reader of his point "Textual rhetorical analysis employs rhetorical terminology". The writers Lester Faigley and Jack Selzer are effective in demonstrating how good reasons can be given for making effective arguments (Faigley and Selzer).

The writer has introduced his work by a rhetoric question to the reader "What about Silko's Style?" putting across the argument topic. And in the conclusion gave the final appeal and suggested the reader to decide which argument is better. The piece invokes the reader's curiosity as a question is asked and then points are laid down so that the reader is persuaded to accept the writer's argument (Faigley and Selzer).

The writers chose a direct and simple language to make it easier for the reader to understand his point. As a reader the piece is easy to grasp the point and makes it interesting to read. The point from the first paragraph "simple, straightforward, unadorned – because she wants her readers to accept her narrative as credible and trustworthy", was the most significant as it shows that rhetorical choices made by writers is for achieving certain effects on readers (Faigley and Selzer).

The writers repeated the word rhetoric many a times in the second paragraph however it does not seem redundant because they have used it

carefully and in a different manner each time. Another point that is about Silko's writing style is discussed few times in the piece however it is for stressing the point of rhetoric choices writers make and the words used every time are different. The central point of the piece is "Textual rhetorical analysis employs rhetorical terminology" (Faigley and Selzer).

As the writer used a rhetoric question, similarly in news paper's articles, motivational and public speakers and in many literary works rhetoric question and rhetoric analysis is used to persuade the audience. This reminds of a very good orator US President Obama's acceptance speech in 2008, in which he posed a famous rhetoric question "What is that American promise", and is claimed that his rhetoric strategies persuade, bring home the point and convey his vision to his audience in a very clear manner and their hearts and minds get swayed (Leanne, 1).

However I think that apart from Rhetorical choices even writer voices does matter in making an effective argument and writing because if every writer uses only rhetorical choices in his writing than his work may not be different from others, what makes it different is the personal voice of the writer (Barrington, 1).

As a writer I learnt from this piece is that to make the reader interested in your writings we must invoke his curiosity to get him involve by using rhetoric strategy. To get across your point in an argument you need to use simple and straightforward language so that a reader easily understands and argue our points with evidence and repeat it without being mundane so that the argument is reinforced and readers is persuaded or convinced and rhetoric analysis is very effective in doing so.

End Notes

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