### epanaphora

repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses

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{[W]a ...} {[W]a ...}
{{P}a ...} {{P}a ...}
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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of .... (Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities)

## epistrophe

ending a series of lines, phrases or sentences with the same word or words

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{...[W]a} {...[W]a} 
{...{P}a} {...{P}a}
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...and that government of **the people**, by **the people**, for **the people**, shall not perish from the earth (Lincoln, *The Gettysburg Address*)

#### rhetorical devices

# polysyndeton

employing (too?) many conjunctions between clauses

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and ... and ... and ...
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I said, "Who killed him?" **and** he said, "I don't know who killed him but he's dead all right," **and** it was dark **and** there was water standing in the street **and** no lights **and** windows broke **and** boats ...
(Hemingway, After the Storm)

## polyptoton

repetition of a word in a different form (cognates in close proximity)

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[Sa{Ma}]...[Sa{Mb}]
[{Ma}Sa]...[Sa{Mb}]
[Sa{Ma}]...[{Mb}Sa]
[{M}Sa{M}]...[Sa]
[Sa{M}]...[Sa] etc.
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The Greeks are strong and skilful to their strength, Fierce to their skill and to their fierceness valiant;
(Shakespeare, *Troilus & Cressida*)