



Patrick Henry Arguing the Parson's Cause (c. 1830), attributed to George Cooke. Oil on canvas.

Speech to the Virginia Convention

Patrick Henry



A Mr. President:¹ No man thinks more highly than I do of the patriotism, as well as abilities, of the very worthy gentlemen who have just addressed the House. But different men often see the same subject in different lights; and, therefore, I hope that it will not be

1. Mr. President: Peyton Randolph (1721–1775), president of the Virginia Convention.

DIFFERENTIATING INSTRUCTION

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odeling. To help students read “Speech to the Virginia Convention,” model the reading of recognizing modes of persuasion. Say: When I know someone is trying to persuade me, I watch to see how he or she goes about it. I know the person is trying to move me

the person is appealing to my intelligence and common sense when he or she makes cause-and-effect and other logical arguments.” As they read, encourage students to ask themselves questions such as “What does the speaker want?”