

Diction – The author’s word choice shows great emotional attachment in that her strong feelings about Mugabe were shown through her diction. The words chosen, show the author’s tone to be both emotional and calm. This is due to her feelings and moments of realization as well as her now being at peace because Mugabe is no longer Zimbabwe’s leader.

Other Rhetorical Devices – The author uses repetition when she says Mugabe said to her “Congratulations, well done” after she graduated from the University of Cambridge and she later says she would love “to say back his only words to [her] ... but this time, about his own legacy”. She also uses a metaphor when she discusses “the dark shadow that he cast over [her] country”. The author used repetition to create a sense of redemption or pride and she used the metaphor to express how difficult living under his rule was for her.

Tone – The author used the words she did and decided to tell from personal experiences in order to let the reader feel a small portion of how she felt while living under Mugabe’s rule. This not only attracted readers to her point of view, but it also expressed a strong, passionate tone. Her tone lets readers in to experience her emotions concerning Mugabe and how he was a part of how she grew up.

Purpose – The purpose of this article is to explain the difficulties and hardships that Mugabe brought to those living in Zimbabwe under his leadership. The parts of this article that spoke directly to this include the author’s personal experiences, from thinking Mugabe was a hero to her moment of realization about how cruel he really was. This makes the reader feel bad for the people of Zimbabwe because of the lives they lived, but also happy because they have made it to the days after Mugabe’s rule where they can move forward from this point. The goal of this article is to inform people of the tough history that the people of Zimbabwe come from. The

author's position is very valuable because it reveals a part of Zimbabwe that I'm sure not a lot of people outside of the African country knew about.

Argument Through Appeals – The author starts out the article with her experiences and memories of Mugabe when she was a little girl, then she goes into how she thought he was a hero and how she realized how wrong she was when she got older, and lastly, she explains how he negatively affected Zimbabwe and how his rule is finally over. The author gets her evidence from her own experiences and others' experiences that were shared with her. The argument is solid because she states facts and she puts her own knowledge with it in order to appeal to both pathos and ethos.