Walker’s Persuasive Writing Techniques

1. Metaphor: the stones of activism, the rugged boulders of heroism, etc. These provide visual images that make the author’s points more vivid.

2. Anecdote: When Walker tells the story of Paul and how she learned to accept him, she gives a tangible example of what she believes in.

3. Making it personal: When she discusses her family, she makes it personal, bringing the reader in to feel with her.

4. Imagery: Like metaphor, the imagery Walker uses makes her points more vivid.

5. Specific Examples: When Walker discusses Ghandi, MLK, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman, these specific examples make her points tangible.