

Example 6

Gentlemen may cry, peace, peace, peace—but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would you have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

—from Patrick Henry, speech in the Virginia Convention, 1775

6. How does Patrick Henry try to persuade his audience?

- A by giving specifics about how to fight the war
- B by saying that America has more troops
- C by using dramatic statements and asking questions
- D by saying that the war will be over quickly

Choice **C** is the correct answer. This is the technique that Patrick Henry uses in his speech in which he challenges his colleagues to go to war. He doesn't talk about troops, methods, or the length of time the war will take.