

Play: *The Great Debaters* • Issue: March 3, 2008

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Name That Sentence

There are four kinds of sentences:

1. Declarative sentences make statements.

Example: *The capital of New York is Albany.*

2. Interrogative sentences ask questions.

Example: *Did you know that New York City is the largest city in the state of New York?*

3. Imperative sentences give commands.

Example: *Do your homework now.*

4. Exclamatory sentences show emotion or surprise.

Example: *I love this song!*

Directions: Read each of the following sentences from the play *The Great Debaters*. Then, label each sentence as declarative, interrogative, imperative, or exclamatory.

1. *The Great Debaters* was inspired by a true story that happened more than 70 years ago. _____
2. Stop stammering! Enter the hot spot! _____
3. Is that how you debate? _____
4. You must never tell anyone what you saw tonight. _____
5. There is a sheriff parked outside your house! _____
6. Does anyone know who Antaeus is? _____
7. He's a wrestler in Greek mythology. _____
8. You're an idiot! _____
9. You're as good as I am, and you're only 14! _____
10. Tolson leaves the hall, content to let his debaters enjoy their moment in the spotlight. _____