

## ***Analysis of Language 8*** **Figurative Language**

### **Rhetorical Questions**

Work with a partner to think about how the writer uses a rhetorical question in the excerpt below and then answer the questions that follow.

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

—Bob Hope

- 1) Hi-light and label the rhetorical question you see in the sentence.
- 2) What does the author want us to be thinking about with this question?

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- 3) What is the overall message the writer is trying to tell us?

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- 4) Use the format of the sentence and just change some of the words to create your own beautiful sentence. (Enjoy sharing with a classmate!)

"My idea of \_\_\_\_\_, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: \_\_\_\_\_. Come to think of it, why do we have to \_\_\_\_\_?"