Author's Purpose Homework Tool

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Identify King's purpose for writing paragraph 37 (from "I wish you had commended the Negro demonstrators" to "the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage") and explain how he uses rhetoric in this sentence to further his purpose:

They [the South's real heroes] will be old, oppressed, battered Negro women, symbolized in a seventy-two-year-old woman of Montgomery, Alabama, who rose up with a sense of dignity and with her people decided not ride the segregated buses, and responded to one who inquired about her tiredness with ungrammatical profundity, "My feets is tired, but my soul is rested."

Use this lesson's vocabulary wherever possible in your response.

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