

Rhetorical Analysis Essay Template

1. *Introduction Paragraph:*

(Hook) _____

(SOAPS - Speaker, Occasion, Audience, Purpose, Subject)

(Thesis statement= *How do the 3 rhetorical strategies affect the audience?* + 3 rhetorical strategies**).**

Thesis Checklist:

- Arguable
- Specific - NO VAGUE LANGUAGE
- follows formula → your position + three rhetorical strategies
- Doesn't simply say, "The author uses the rhetorical strategies to persuade the audience."

2. *Body Paragraph #1:* Rhetorical Strategy: _____

(Transition word/phrase + Topic Sentence that supports the thesis statement)

(Introduce the quote that shows the rhetorical strategy)

(Quote from excerpt that illustrates rhetorical strategy)

(Analysis: *How does your piece of evidence support your thesis? What is the effect of the strategy on the audience? How are they persuaded?*)

(Clincher/Transition) _____

Body Paragraph Checklist

- Topic sentence
- Quotes are introduced → THEY NEVER STAND ALONE
- quotes are very short -- ideally, a single word or short phrase -- use the elipses!
- analysis (your analysis)* is greater than quote summary
- EVERYTHING IN BODY PARAGRAPH GOES BACK TO SUPPORT YOUR THESIS

3. *Body Paragraph #2*: Rhetorical Strategy: _____

(Transition word/phrase + Topic Sentence that supports the thesis statement)

(Introduce the quote that shows the rhetorical strategy)

(Quote from excerpt that illustrates rhetorical strategy)

(Analysis: *How does your piece of evidence support your thesis? What is the effect of the strategy on the audience? How are they persuaded?*)

(Clincher/Transition) _____

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4. *Body Paragraph #3*: Rhetorical Strategy: _____

(Transition word/phrase + Topic Sentence that supports the thesis statement)

(Introduce the quote that shows the rhetorical strategy)

(Quote from excerpt that illustrates rhetorical strategy)

(Analysis: How does your piece of evidence support your thesis? What is the effect of the strategy on the audience? How are they persuaded?)

(Clincher/Transition)

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5. *Conclusion Paragraph:*

(Restate thesis starting with a transition word or phrase)

(Review main points)

(Relevance: So what? Who cares? “Hook” ending – connect back to your intro hook)

Congrats, you just wrote an AP Language rhetorical analysis essay!
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