

# Rhetorical Analysis Outline

## I. Introduction

a) (context)

General background info. When and where was the text written? What was going on that might be relevant to the rhetorical situation?

b) (exigence)

What specifically prompted the 'speaker' to write the text?

c) (thesis): "In order to [purpose], [speaker] uses [R.C.1], [R.C.2], [R.C.3]."

You could also do two R.C.'s... Just make sure you go into more depth

## II. Body paragraph One

a) (Topic sentence establishing the rhetorical strategy that paragraph will focus on)

b) (Citation of text where strategy appears) \*

\* = worth points on rubric

c) (Explanation of the rhetorical strategy as it appears in the text) \*

d) (Explanation of how the rhetorical strategy achieves the author's purpose) \*

If you're feeling confident, mention other aspects of the rhetorical situation (SOAPS) here too. Consider how the speaker may be appealing to their audience's values! \*

e) (Repeat b → d if you have more textual evidence)

## III. Additional body paragraphs

a) (Same as above but with a transition)

- Repeat b → d from above -

## IV. Conclusion

a) Restate thesis

b) Restate major points from body paragraphs

- Keep it brief -