

Ms. Millar
AP English Language and Composition
Summer Reading 2023
Due Friday, September 15

For the AP Exam, you are required to write three essays, a rhetorical analysis essay (exactly what used to be on the SAT), a synthesis essay (this is exactly like a DBQ), and a general argument essay (exactly what is on the ACT). We always start the year off with a rhetorical analysis essay because that is the one that students find most challenging.

The purpose of a rhetorical analysis essay is to identify what rhetorical techniques the writer uses to effectively convince the audience to side with him/her. Some examples can be juxtaposition, anecdote, pathos, ethos, logos, allusion, diction, anaphora, etc.

Assignment #1- I am going to ask you to write a speech to someone in your family telling them why you should be able to do something. (Some examples include: Why should a sibling let you borrow something of theirs. Why a parent/sibling should give you/lend you money for something. Why you should be able to go away for college as opposed to living at home. Why should they buy you a car? Why you should have a later curfew, etc) You must be very persuasive and convincing with your argument.

Assignment #2- When you are done writing your speech (on a separate piece of paper):

- Tell me three rhetorical techniques you incorporated into your speech. (You will have to research some techniques before you write your speech and which ones you are going to use to convince your audience).**
- Cite your example of your rhetorical technique**
- Explain your intent/purpose for using it (what you were hoping your audience would realize)**
- Explain how using that technique helped you achieve your purpose/intent.**

Link for some rhetorical techniques: You are not limited to using these. If you discover others through your research, you can use those as well.

<https://blog.reedsy.com/rhetorical-devices/>

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