



Review Guide: Rhetorical Analysis

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1. INTRODUCTION

Guideline	Rating	Commentary
How well/naturally/sensibly does the author introduce the source and the paper's purpose? Is the paper put in context with readings?	0 1 2 3 4	
How well is the context/history around the source text described? Do you understand the basic conversation being analyzed?	0 1 2 3 4	

2. ANALYTICAL WORK

Guideline	Rating	Commentary
How well does the author establish a purpose for the essay before diving in? Do you know what benefit/clarification to expect by reading, or are you just dropped into an assignment?	0 1 2 3 4	
How thorough is the author's analysis of the rhetorical situation itself? You should, after reading, understand how the rhetor, audience, exigence, purpose, constraints, and affordances of the discourse all interact.	0 1 2 3 4	
How insightfully is the rhetorical situation discussed? Do you better understand the entire situation surrounding the text? What was the conclusion of this analysis, and how convinced are you to agree with it?	0 1 2 3 4	

3. STYLE AND SUPPORT

Guideline	Commentary
Discuss the details: How compelling is the title? How proper is the grammar? How professional or readable is the formatting?	
How convinced were you to accept the author's overall claims about this rhetorical situation? Where should the argument be strengthened?	

4. OVERALL

Guideline	Commentary
What impressed you most about this document?	
What needs the author's attention most urgently?	