

## **AP Lang Rhetorical Analysis Essay Outline**

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Introduce the text/author, provide a brief summary and any relevant background information
- B. Thesis statement: Provide an argument of how the author uses rhetorical devices to effectively communicate their point

### **II. Body Paragraph 1**

- A. Explain which devices are used in the text and how they help the author's argument
- B. Analyze the author's purpose for including these devices in the text and their effectiveness
- C. Provide evidence from the text to support your claims

### **III. Body Paragraph 2**

- A. Explain which devices are used in the text and how they help the author's argument
- B. Analyze the author's purpose for including these devices in the text and their effectiveness
- C. Provide evidence from the text to support your claims

### **IV. Body Paragraph 3**

- A. Explain which devices are used in the text and how they help the author's argument
- B. Analyze the author's purpose for including these devices in the text and their effectiveness

C. Provide evidence from the text to support your claims

## V. Conclusion

A. Restate thesis statement

B. Summarize main points of argument to make a concluding statement on how author uses rhetoric to effectively communicate their point and why it is important

C. End with a thought-provoking statement or call to action.

## VI. Reference Page

A. List all sources used in essay, formatted according to the appropriate style guide (MLA, APA, etc.)

B. Provide bibliography of any additional resources referred to in the essay.

C. List of Works Cited if necessary.