

SAT ESSAY RESPONSE OUTLINE

Introduction paragraph

-Your thesis statement needs to include the **author's argument** and **2-3 rhetorical tools** that s/he uses to effectively make his claim.

- In order to argue _____, the author utilizes (device 1), (device 2), and (device 3).

Body paragraph 1

- **Step One:** Transitional topic sentence - identify the device that you will analyze in the paragraph.

DO NOT USE THE NAME OF THE TOOL FROM THE THESIS STATEMENT

- **Step Two:** In at least TWO sentences explain **WHY** the author uses the tool to make his argument.

DO NOT USE ANY EXAMPLES FOR THIS PART OF THE PARAGRAPH!

- **Step Three:** Provide evidence of the tools functioning throughout the article. Integrate 2-3 quality quotes, the best examples from the piece.
 - Use a transitional word or phrase to introduce the second and third example of the tool.
- **Step Four:** Explain **HOW** the quotes function towards the author's argument.
 - Detail how that device helps the author to build his/her argument/influence the audience

Body paragraph 2 – Second Rhetorical Tool/Device

- **Follow same step format as previous paragraph**

Body paragraph 3 – Third Rhetorical Tool/Device

- **Follow same step format as previous paragraph**

Concluding paragraph - remind the audience of the PURPOSE of the piece and the author's effectiveness/credibility as a communicator

Sample Set-Up: Thesis & Body One

Thesis Statement Outline

In his speech, the author argues that _____
_____. He
builds his argument using _____, _____, and _____.

Body Paragraph One Outline

Part One: Transitional Topic Sentence

Throughout the article, one rhetorical tool that the author uses to convince his/her audience to...

_____.

Part Two: *Explain WHY* the author uses the tool for his/her argument:

The author must _____ because

Part Three: Evidence with transitions

In order to get his audience to react emotionally, the author explains,

“ _____
_____.”

He then adds,

“ _____
_____.”

Part Four: Explain HOW the Examples Function Toward His Argument - *Answer HOW?*
