

Scoring Rubric for Question 2: Rhetorical Analysis Essay



THESIS	0 POINTS		1 POINT		
	For any of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> No defensible thesis <input type="checkbox"/> Simple restatement of prompt only <input type="checkbox"/> Summary of topic with no clear claim <input type="checkbox"/> Off-topic		<input type="checkbox"/> Defensible thesis which examines the writer’s rhetorical choices		
EVIDENCE & COMMENTARY	0 POINTS	1 POINT	2 POINTS	3 POINTS	4 POINTS
	<input type="checkbox"/> Simple restatement of thesis (if existing) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer than 2 sources referenced OR <input type="checkbox"/> Opinion-based with no text evidence	EVIDENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Generalization of evidence AND COMMENTARY: <input type="checkbox"/> Simple summarization of passage <input type="checkbox"/> Rhetorical choices have little to no explanation	EVIDENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Some textual references that are applicable to the thesis AND COMMENTARY: <input type="checkbox"/> Unsupported assertions or assumptions <input type="checkbox"/> Some explanation of the connection between the evidence and the thesis. <input type="checkbox"/> Missing or faulty line of reasoning.	EVIDENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Specific textual references that support all claims AND COMMENTARY: <input type="checkbox"/> Some explanation of how the evidence supports the argument AND <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion of at least one rhetorical choice’s contribution to the writer’s argument	EVIDENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Specific textual references that support all claims AND COMMENTARY: <input type="checkbox"/> Consistent explanation of evidence in support of the line of reasoning. AND <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion of various rhetorical choices’ contributions to the writer’s argument.
SOPHISTICATION	0 POINTS		1 POINT		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmet requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Sweeping generalizations of context <input type="checkbox"/> Subtle indication of other arguments within the passage <input type="checkbox"/> Examination of rhetorical choices independently rather than in relationship with each other <input type="checkbox"/> Misuse of complicated or complex sentences		<input type="checkbox"/> Sophisticated thought and/or notable awareness of the rhetorical situation <input type="checkbox"/> Thorough analysis of the impact of the writer’s rhetorical choices <input type="checkbox"/> Address of the passage’s complexities or tensions <input type="checkbox"/> Mature, convincing writing style		

TOTAL POINTS EARNED: / 6