

## AP Essay Analysis

### *Directions:*

*Analyze the stylistic AND rhetorical devices of the work assigned using the guide below. Consider all of the terms included and give examples. Describe how the style affects the meaning.*

1. Name, author, and date of work:
2. Aim (Purpose):
3. Meaning: (Thesis, Main Idea, Meaning of work): Is the meaning denotative or connotative?
4. Mode: (Structure): How does mode further the aim?  
Name and outline or describe structures. How does the mode further the aim?
5. Tone (Voice, Attitude, Mood): Describe any shifts in tone.
6. Diction (Voice) - Choice of words  
Formality; informality; jargon; euphemism; imagery: literal, concrete words; abstract and emotionally loaded words; metaphor and similes; cliché; passive or particularly active constructions; choice of words: mostly: verbs, nouns, adverbs, Adjectives; vagueness; repetition; other.  
What words create the tone or mood?
7. Describe arguments, fallacies, types of reasoning, and persuasive techniques.
8. Describe elements of ethos, logos, and pathos.
9. Syntax: Sentences:  
compound, complex, simple, are sentences varied in style and length, subordination, coordination (punctuation), loose sentences, periodic sentences; parallel construction - repetition of phrase  
What effect does sentence structure have?
10. Is there any change in tone, diction, or syntax? What is the meaning?

