

Model Outlines for Text Analysis

Outline #1

- Thesis: *The author's argument is developed through the author's use of evidence, rhetorical language, and structure.*
 - **Paragraph #1** – Evidence to support the claim
 - Quote/s as support:
 - Evidence
 - Evaluation of evidence
 - **Paragraph #2** – Use of rhetoric to develop claim
 - Quote/s as support:
 - Analyze two rhetorical elements within the passage.
 - Why are they used and is it effective?
 - **Paragraph #3** - Structure
 - Analysis of the way the author structures his/her piece to establish the claim.
 - How does this structure help establish the tone?
 - Why is it important?

Outline #2 – (Use if author makes 3 MAIN POINTS)

- Thesis: *The author builds his argument by explaining how "a", "b", and "c" support the "claim."*
 - **Paragraph #1** – point #1
 - Evidence
 - Rhetorical Device
 - Quote
 - Does the author use effectively?
 - **Paragraph #2** – point #2 (Same as above)
 - **Paragraph #3** – Point #3 (Same as above)

Outline #3 (Use if clear PROGRESSION) *Careful not to plot summarize

- Thesis: The author builds his argument through the logos
 - **Paragraph #1** – first part of the essay
 - Author's supporting claim
 - Evidence
 - Rhetorical
 - Quote
 - **Paragraph #2 and #3** – same support as above and how does the argument build

Outline #4 (Use if author's STYLE is prominent)

- **Intro**- Introduce topic and article. Provide claim. Thesis: *The author's argument is developed through the use of pathos, statistics, and other rhetorical devices.*
 - **Body Paragraph #1** - Rhetorical Device #1
 - Explanation
 - Quote
 - Analysis
 - How develops argument
 - **Body Paragraph #2 and #3**– Rhetorical Device #2, #3 (Same as above)