

# GROUP RHETORICAL ANALYSIS FRQ

## WHAT

Each group will write 1 complete essay. Each section must be written by a different person in the group:

- Introduction
- Body Paragraph 1
- Body Paragraph 2
- Conclusion

## PURPOSE

- Preparation and practice for the Rhetorical Analysis FRP on AP Exam
- Familiarity with Rhetorical Devices/Strategies
- Minimize overall writing per student
- Focus on organization, structure, and flow of essay
- Student-led and student-informed writing process

## APPROACH TO THE RHETORICAL ANALYSIS ESSAY

- Choose 2 “drivers” from your packet of Rhetorical Strategies.
- Your essay (and by extension, the topic sentences of the body paragraphs) should be point, not example or strategy driven.
- Third person
- Formal, academic style and tone
- Clear thesis

## FORMAT

- 1 Google Doc shared by the group
- MLA-ish
  - YES: MLA heading, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-pt font
  - NO: Title, page numbers, parenthetical citations\*, Works Cited page
    - \* Even though you do not need standard MLA parenthetical citations, you do need to cite line numbers when using direct quotes, either in the quote tag or in parentheses.
- Cover Sheet: List the names of everyone in your group and the paragraph that they wrote. Also list any other responsibilities that each person should get credit for.
- Submit 1 file per group to turnitin.com by 8am on Thursday. Also turn in a hard copy to Mrs. Lee at beginning of class on Thursday.

## Free Response Question – Question 2

On September 11, 2001, at 8:30 P.M. EST, President George W. Bush delivered a televised speech in response to the tragic events of that morning. Read Bush's remarks carefully. Then write an essay in which you analyze the rhetorical strategies President Bush uses to achieve his purpose. Support your analysis with specific references to the text.

1 Good evening.

Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts.

5 The victims were in airplanes or in their offices -- secretaries, businessmen and women, military and federal workers. Moms and dads. Friends and neighbors.

10 Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.

The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge structures collapsing, have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness and a quiet, unyielding anger.

15 These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed. Our country is strong. A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our  
20 biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

America was targeted for attack because we're the  
25 brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining.

30 Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature, and we responded with the best of America, with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any way they could.

35 Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans. Our military is powerful, and it's prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington, D.C., to help with local rescue efforts.

40 Our first priority is to get help to those who have been injured and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks.

45 The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington which had to be evacuated today are reopening for essential personnel tonight and will be open for business tomorrow.

50 Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business as well.

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts. I've directed the full resources for our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and bring them to justice. We  
55 will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

I appreciate so very much the members of Congress who have joined me in strongly condemning these attacks. And on behalf of the American people, I  
60 thank the many world leaders who have called to offer their condolences and assistance.

America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world and we stand together to win the war against terrorism.

65 Tonight I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us spoken  
70 through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me."

This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace.  
75 America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time.

None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.

80 Thank you. Good night and God bless America.