

Rhetorical Analysis

Model Description and Guidelines

<p>Description: This model will require the presentation in writing and orally before the class of a scholarly analysis of a literary work or other work relative to the class. Any rhetorical pattern may be used. The major part of the project will be the student's analysis based not only on researched information, but also and especially on the student's development of clear, rational, and convincing support for an explicitly-stated thesis.</p>
<p>Suggestions: Sources should include published rhetorical analyses in literary and other scholarly journals relating to the subject area in which the project is to be done.</p>
<p>Resources: Resources would consist of the literary work itself, the student's own analytical powers and the minimum <i>five</i> (5) outside sources. These sources may include any authoritative literary works, interviews, letters, and other acceptable sources of information.</p>
<p>Documentation: This model must be correctly formatted and documented using the MLA or APA style of documentation. The style of documentation will be indicated by the directing professor.</p>
<p>Guidelines: This model would require a paper of 2,000 - 5,000 words with a minimum of <i>five</i> (5) outside sources properly documented within the paper and on the 'Works Cited' or 'References' page(s). A good manual or handbook may provide a guide for proper use of documentation. Further, the paper must be correctly written, with proper grammar, spelling and punctuation. It will be the responsibility of the directing professor to assure that these guidelines have been met before the paper is submitted to the Honors Coordinator.</p>

Checklist for Rhetorical Analysis Model:

- ✓ The essay states a clear thesis;
- ✓ The analysis of the work substantively addresses the thesis;
- ✓ The work is analyzed and not simply reviewed;
- ✓ The essay is at least 2000 words;
- ✓ At least five scholarly secondary sources have been consulted, are cited in the text, and are listed in the "Works Cited";
- ✓ The sources are correctly formatted in MLA or APA style parenthetically in the body of the text and in the "Works Cited."