

Form for Rhetorical Précis:

Sentence #1 will include the following:

- o Name of the author and (if possible: a phrase describing the credentials of the author)
- o The type (e.g. essay, lecture, research paper, etc.) and title of the work
- o The date, if available (inserted in parentheses)
- o A rhetorically accurate verb (such as "assert," "argue," "suggest," "imply," "claim," etc.) that describes what the author is doing in the text
- o A THAT clause in which you state the major assertion (thesis statement) of the author's text

Sentence #2 will include the following:

- o An explanation of how the author develops and/or supports the thesis (such as by comparing and contrasting, narrating, illustrating, defining, etc.)
- o Present your explanation in the same chronological order that the items of support are presented by the author in the text

Sentence #3 will include the following:

- o A statement of the author's purpose
- o Followed by an IN ORDER TO clause in which you explain what the author wants the audience to do or feel as a result of reading the work

Sentence #4 will include the following:

- o A description of the intended audience
- o A description of the tone the author uses

RHETORICAL PRECIS FRAME:

1. _____, _____, in
(author's credentials) *(author's first and last name)*
 his/her _____, argues that _____
(type of text)
2. He/she supports this claim by first _____,
 then _____, then _____,
 and finally _____.
3. _____'s purpose is to _____
(author's last name) *(what the author does in the text)*
 _____ in order to _____
(what the author wants the audience to do after reading the text)
4. He/she adopts a(n) _____ tone for _____.
(intended audience)