

Essay 3 -- Rhetorical Analysis

In Essay 3, we will be evaluating rhetoric, the way that authors make their points and convince their audience. We will analyze the evidence in the readings and "grade" how well the authors support their opinions.

Main Goals for Essay 3:

Focus your essay with a strong

thesis statement

that makes a

claim

about the evidence: In Hillbilly Elegy J.D.VANCE, he effectively/persuasively argues

that..._ is convincing because...

Effectively

summarize

ideas from the text that support your claim.

Critically analyze

how the ideas presented in the readings work to support your claim.

Create

organized paragraphs

that focus on one main point and divide your analysis into manageable pieces.

Quote and paraphrase

from the reading to support assertions

For this essay, you can analyze any **one** of the readings from chapter 5,

Essay 3 Questions

For this essay, you will argue whether or not there is sufficient evidence to support the claim. Consider some of the

following questions as you construct your argument:

1. What evidence is used to support the claim?
2. What types of evidence are used? Logos, ethos, pathos?
3. Is the evidence varied and robust?
4. Is the evidence credible?
5. Does the evidence clearly support the author's claim?
6. What assumption does the author make about what readers believe?
7. Are the assumptions defended?
8. What is missing from the essay? What was ineffective? What are the flaws?

Four FULL pages minimum, typed, double-spaced, MLA format, Times New Roman font 12.