



A Rhetorical Précis Template

This template will guide you through a Rhetorical Précis. Variations of this template are widely used in high school and college to help students write concise argument summaries.

Introduce the Argument

_____ (author's full name) argues that _____

He/she claims that _____

_____ (author's last name) develops this claim by first _____

Describe the Structure

(describe what the author does and begin with a verb like explores, challenges, investigates)

_____ (author's last name) _____ (verb) _____

(provide more information about the first description or explain something else the author does)

Lastly, the author _____

Explain the Purpose

_____ (author's full name) purpose is to _____

in order to _____

This work is significant because _____