

# Rhetorical Notes

<p>What is the Subject?</p>	
<p>What is the author's claim, or main idea, about this subject?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Author</li> <li>• Genre</li> <li>• Title</li> <li>• Date</li> <li>• Rhetorical Verb             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Argues</i></li> <li>• <i>Claims</i></li> <li>• <i>Suggests</i></li> <li>• (Or similar verbs)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>(Write it as a statement using the guidelines listed to the left.)</p>
<p>List three key points (quotations or examples) the author makes to illustrate and/or support this claim.</p>	
<p>How does the author develop and support this claim? Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies</li> <li>• Devices</li> <li>• Organization</li> </ul>	
<p>What is the author's purpose?</p> <p><i>The author attempts to persuade the reader to... in order to...</i></p>	

**Summarize the author's argument, focusing on the subject, purpose, and rhetorical strategies used to achieve that purpose.**

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