

Brainstorming for the SAT Essay

Rhetorical Device	Type/how	Evidence from text	Purpose (effect)
Ethos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tone/diction • Syntax • Famous character • Credible profession 			
Pathos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tone/diction • Syntax • Imagery • Anecdotes • Metaphorical language 			
Logos (reasoning) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tone/diction • Syntax • Facts • Statistics • Graphs or charts • Quotations or data 			

Which **key** elements does the author use to persuade his audience about his claim?

What is the author's central claim?

Graphic Organizer for the Essay:

Introduction:

Introduce the topic, the title, the author, and state the author's central claim:

Thesis statement: Select 2 or 3 methods of persuasion that the author uses to achieve her/his purpose:

Body Paragraph 1: T.A.P.E.S.

Topic Sentence (state the author's **1st** method of persuasion):

Analysis (analyze how the author is utilizing that method of persuasion):

Proof (here you put in the quote verbatim that supports your assertion. Remember, "Put your quote in the quotation marks," (Author's Last Name, page#).):

Explanation:

So what: Tie it back to your thesis/central claim that the author is making:

Body Paragraph 2: T.A.P.E.S.

Topic Sentence (state the author's **2nd** method of persuasion):

Analysis (analyze how the author is utilizing that method of persuasion):

Proof (here you put in the quote verbatim that supports your assertion. Remember, "Put your quote in the quotation marks," (Author's Last Name, page#).):

Explanation:

So what: Tie it back to your thesis/central claim that the author is making:

Body Paragraph 3: T.A.P.E.S. (if necessary)

Topic Sentence (state the author's **3rd** method of persuasion):

Analysis (analyze how the author is utilizing that method of persuasion):

Proof (here you put in the quote verbatim that supports your assertion. Remember, "Put your quote in the quotation marks," (Author's Last Name, page#).):

Explanation:

So what: Tie it back to your thesis/central claim that the author is making:

Conclusion: Restate your thesis, but not verbatim.

Wrap up the 2 author's tools that you analyzed and link them to how the author made her/his central claim.