**Rhetorical Précis Rubric /30 points**

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### Sentence # 1
- Author's name, genre (article, essay, etc.), title of work, date of publication, and original source /1
- A rhetorically accurate verb such as: asserts, state, argues, claims, implies, etc. /1
- A THAT clause which identifies the **thesis of main point** of the essay or article. /2
- Inclusion of **textual evidence** that supports the central claim/thesis /1

**Total points _____ /5**

### Sentences #2-4
- Explanation of how the author **develops and/or supports the thesis**, identifying the proof or support point(s). Essentially, how does the author use supporting details (appeals, structure, rhetorical questions, etc.).
- Inclusion of **textual evidence** that proves how author uses supporting details; only small portions; no chunks! /3
- Provide explanation of how the text **functions and the effect** it has on your theme. /2

**Total Points _____/5**

### Sentence #5
- Successfully identify the author's apparent **purpose**. /2
- Hint: pick a verb such as: educate, inform, show, etc.
- **In order to** phrase identifying the **author’s desired outcome**. /3

**Total points _____/5**

### Sentence #6
- Must identify the **tone** of the text. /2
- Must identify the appropriate **audience**. /2

**Total points _____/5**

### Sentence #7
- Explains the historical, cultural, literary, etc... **significance** of the work. /3
- Provide explanation as to how what you have discussed **links to the central claim/theme**. /2

**Total points _____/5**

### Conventions:
- Proper MLA heading and format
- Quotes from text/article & essay titles cited correctly in MLA format
- Underline or **italics** for titles of books, magazines, movies, TV shows & **quotes** for a poem, essay or short story
- Proper spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.
- Does not use "you" in Précis.
- Fragments and Run-ons have been repaired and eliminated
- “I think that” statements have been eliminated

**Total points _____/5**