

Rhetorical Précis Template

1. _____ in his/her _____
[Name of the author]
_____ titled _____
[type of the text] [the text's title]
argues that _____
[the text's main argument]
2. The author supports his/her arguments by _____
[evidence presented by the author]
_____.
3. The author's purpose is to _____
[what the author wants to achieve]
in order to _____
[the text's intended effect on readers]
4. The author writes in a _____ tone
[description of the text's tone]
for _____
[the type of audience]