**The Rhetorical Precis Template**

1. (author’s credentials), (author’s first and last name) in his/her(genre: article, book chapter, essay, etc.), (title of text appropriately punctuated with italics or quotes), argues [or another accurate dynamic verb, like claims, asserts suggests, contends, defends, implies, etc.] (central claim/thesis statement of the text).
2. She/he supports [or backs up, develops proves, justifies, substantiates, establishes, etc.] his/her claim by first (illustrating, demonstrating, comparing, contrasting, defining, etc.), then (illustrating, demonstrating, comparing, contrasting, defining, etc.) and finally (illustrating, demonstrating, comparing, contrasting, defining, etc.)
3. (Author’s last name)’s purpose is to (persuade, explain, criticize, reveal, warn, recommend, propose, etc.) in order to(accomplish what?).
4. She/he (adopts, establishes, creates, etc.) a(n) (candid, sarcastic, formal, hopeful objective, etc.) tone for (intended audience).