

Agent of Rhetoric: Welcome to the Persuasion Bureau

Your mission—should you choose to accept it—is to demonstrate mastery in rhetorical strategy, argument analysis, and linguistic precision. Only those with keen perception, analytical acumen, and persuasive instinct will earn a place in the elite Rhetorical Intelligence Unit (RIU).

Step 1: Identification Protocol

Print your full name neatly in the top left corner of your paper. A true rhetorician takes ownership with clarity and confidence.

Step 2: Awareness Activation

Stand silently. Survey the room. Choose one object that symbolically represents ethos, pathos, or logos. Return to your seat and record the object along with the rhetorical appeal it reflects. Add a one-sentence explanation. Rhetorical agents find deeper meaning in everyday details.

Step 3: Symbol of Strategy

On the back of your page, draw a triangle—the official emblem of the rhetorical triangle: ethos, pathos, and logos. Next to each corner, write a real-world example of the appeal it represents. Field agents must identify persuasion at a glance.

Step 4: Tone Test

On back of this page, write a brief passage on any topic you choose—but use a nostalgic tone. The ability to control tone is essential in rhetorical operations.

Step 5: Repetition Readiness Check

On the back of this page, write a sentence that includes anaphora. Be sure your sentence mentions an animal. Only the most advanced agents can wield repetition with deliberate impact.

Step 6: Fallacy Surveillance

Turn to the nearest agent and whisper, “Don’t fall for a slippery slope.” Then, on the back of this paper, identify a different logical fallacy and write a one-sentence example of it in action. Spotting flawed logic is critical to your mission.

Final Challenge: Agent’s Knowledge

On the back of this page, write a brief explanation for each of the three Free Response Questions (FRQs) on the AP Language exam: Synthesis, Rhetorical Analysis, and Argument. Demonstrate your readiness for the rhetorical field.

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