

10th Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2024

In this class, you will be growing as writers, critical thinkers and life learners. This course is designed to equip you with the knowledge of various styles of writing in order to intelligently analyze, annotate, comment on, and create different genres of text. You will begin to instinctively notice and analyze the effects of language in the world around you.

Directions: Complete the two questions in Section A and the table in Section B.

Section A: Please watch the following videos and complete your Summer Reading assignment as follows:

How do you get what you want, using just your words? Aristotle set out to answer exactly that question over two thousand years ago with a treatise on rhetoric. Camille A. Langston describes the fundamentals of deliberative rhetoric.

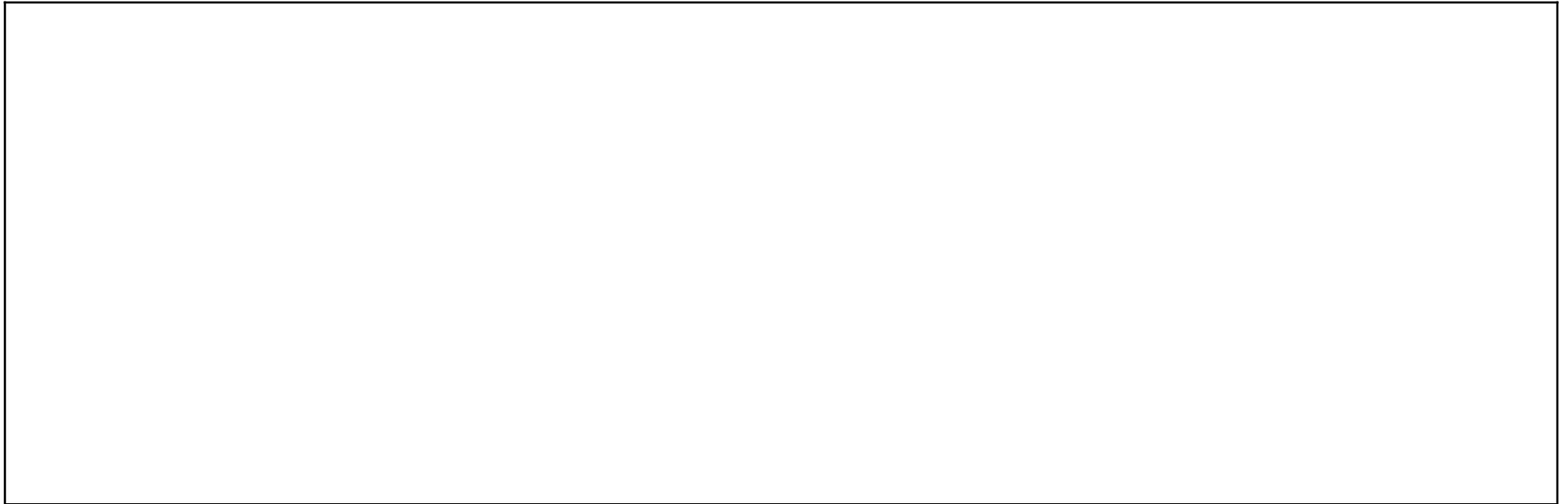
https://www.ted.com/talks/camille_langston_how_to_use_rhetoric_to_get_what_you_want

Question: In your own opinion, which of the rhetorical appeals is most effective and why? (7-10 full sentences)

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

Question: In your opinion, what is the danger of a single story and do you think it is important to be open-minded? (7-10 full sentences)

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Section B: Choose 5 of the following genres to research and complete the reflection sheet.

Advertisements, Brochures, Leaflets, Editorials, News Stories, Articles, Blogs, Investigative Journalism, Letters, Podcasts, Autobiographies, Biographies, Travel Writing, Diaries, Essays, Scripted Speech, Narrative Writing, Descriptive Writing

Genre/ Title of the Text/ Author	How is this text being structured? (Ex: compare/ contrast, chronological order, etc)	What is the central idea (main idea + theme) of the text? (2 sentences)	What is the author's purpose for writing the text? (3-4 sentences)	Who is the intended audience?	What tone is expressed in the piece?	How does the language of this piece affect the reader? (3-4 sentences)

Please copy and paste the link for the texts you use, in order, below:

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