

## English 11 Summer Assignment 2019-2020

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**Due Date:** First day of school

**Task 1 of 4: Rhetorical device chart.** Review the devices in the chart, annotating the examples and explanations to ensure clarity. Then, in the column on the right, create two of your own examples.

<b>Top Level Devices</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Example/Further Explanation</b>	<b>Create two of your own examples. If you are having a hard time, do some Google searching for examples first before creating your own.</b>
Tone	How the author feels towards the subject matter.	Adjectives used by author will demonstrate an emotion. Punctuation can also suggest emotion such as an exclamation mark which would build more extreme emotions.	
Ethos	When the author builds credibility	This can be done by the use of point of views of	

		“I” and “We”, discussion of credentials or expertise, use of diction which would appeal to the audience, or the use of expert witness.	
Pathos	Appeals to emotion	This is built by figurative and metaphoric language, connotation, and loaded language.	
Logos	Appeal to logic	Use of facts, statistics, logical reasoning, and research	
Satire	Ridicules the shortcomings of people or institutions in an attempt to bring about a change. Often uses humor and sarcasm.	Most of America’s comedic TV shows and movies	
<b>Mid Level Devices</b>			
Irony	A discrepancy between appearances and reality. Situational Irony: Takes place when there is a	Ex. The fire truck lights on fire. (Situational) Ex: Scary movies where the audience knows where the villain is but the characters do not.	

	<p>discrepancy between what is expected to happen, or what would be appropriate to happen, and what really does happen.</p> <p>Dramatic Irony: A character in the play or story thinks one thing is true, but the audience or reader knows better.</p> <p>Verbal Irony: Occurs when someone says one thing but really means something else. Also associated with sarcasm.</p>		
Allusion	An indirect reference to a person, place, or event that the author believes the reader will be familiar with.	Using the twin towers to reference 9/11	
Anaphora	The repetition of word or words at the beginning of	"I have a dream...." repeated in MLK speech	

	successful lines, clauses, or phrases.		
Pun	A “play on words” based on the multiple meanings of a single word or on words that sound alike but mean different things.	Did you hear about the optometrist who fell into a lens grinder and made a spectacle of himself?	
Juxtaposition	A form of contrast by which writers call attention to dissimilar ideas	“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”	
Metaphor	A figure of speech that makes a comparison between two unlike things without the use of such specific words of comparison as like, as, than, or resembles.	The detective listened to her tales with a wooden face. The metaphor compare a face to a piece of wood.	
Understatement	A statement that says less than what is meant.	Example: During the second war with Iraq, American troops complained of a fierce sand- storm that made even the night-vision equipment useless. A	

		British commando commented about the storm: "It's a bit breezy."	
Simile	A figure of speech that makes an explicitly comparison between two unlike things, using words such as like, as , than, or resembles.	Her eyes were as bright as the stars in the darkened sky. The comparison here is between her eyes and the stars.	
Oxymoron	A figure of speech that combines opposite or contradictory terms in a brief phrase.	Examples: horrific laughter, jumbo shrimp	
Imagery	The use of language to evoke a picture or a concrete sensation of a person , a thing, a place, or an experience. Using your five senses.	The dark green forest caved in on me with its smell of earth and decay.	
Appositive	Using a noun or noun phrase to rename another noun.	The student, <b>a hard-working individual with grit and determination</b> , scored high marks on the recent exam. (The appositive is	

		highlighted in bold).	
Metonymy	A figure of speech in which a person, place, or thing, is referred to by something closely associated with it.	“We requested from the crown support for our petition.” The crown is used to represent the monarch.	
Connotation	The associations and emotional overtones that have become attached to a word or phrase, in addition to its strict dictionary definition.	Home vs house vs shack vs mansion	
Denotation	Literal definition of a word.	Friendship can be defined as a relationship between two people based upon respect and understanding.	
Loaded Language	Wording that attempts to influence an audience by using appeal to emotion or stereotypes	Patriotic language such as “freedom” and “liberty”	
Hyperbole	A figure of speech that uses an incredible exaggeration or	“If I told you once, I’ve told you a million times....”	

	overstatement, for effect.		
Personification	Attributing human characteristics to an animal or inanimate object. Also called anthropomorphism.	The table laughed as the dog stole the food while the family was distracted.	
Concession	An acknowledgement that an opposing argument may be true or reasonable. In a strong argument, a concession is usually accompanied by a refutation challenging the validity of the opposing argument.	"I may not know everything and I think that the scientists have a good point, but I still believe...."	
Fallacy	Error in logic.	Someone asks you a question and you respond but not in a way that directly addresses what was asked.	
Absolute	Words without limitations which create an automatic logical fallacy since	Words such as "all, every, never, none"	

	the word does not allow for exceptions.		
Repetition	Repeating words or phrases for effect.	Example: I really love pizza. This food is my greatest love because it reminds me of a cheesy romantic comedy.	
Bombast	Using lots of high diction and big words in order to sound more intelligent or knowledgeable.	People in politics do this a lot. They use a lot of big words and then we trust them more. Meanwhile, they may not truly know what they are talking about.	
<b>Sentence Structures</b>			
Parallel Structure	Repetition of patterns of parts of speech. The repetition of words or phrases that have similar grammatical structures.	Any sentence with a list should be in parallel structure because each part of the list should be the same part of speech or pattern of parts of speech(noun, verb, adjective) Ex: I like swimming in the ocean, playing volleyball in the sand, and looking for sandcrabs.	

Zeugma	The distribution property in English. When you form a list and apply a word or set of words to each part of the list in your mind versus doing it for real on paper. It reduces redundancy.	I walked to the store, gym, and restaurant. In our heads, we apply “walked to the” to each element versus really writing: I walked to the store, walked to the gym, and walked to the restaurant.	
Syllepsis	A type of zeugma where there are literal and abstract applications of the word or phrase being distributed.	I rend my heart and my clothes. “rend my heart” is abstract and “rend my clothes” is literal.	

### Task 2 of 4: Synthesis essay planning

**STEP 1:** Read each source, then select **four, three of which must be texts**, to annotate with Cornell Notes, Post-Its, or another format. Use this prompt to guide your annotations:

**Annotation Checklist:**

- Summarize each paragraph by identifying the main point and writing it in the margin or as a comment on the document
- Identify author’s main claims (they might be stated outright or you might need to infer them from your reading/observation)
- Identify evidence which support those claims.

**STEP 2:** In the table below, summarize each of the four sources you annotated in 2-4 sentences; then, identify at least three claims from each source that relate to the **essential question**. Include a piece of evidence for each claim which may be **either** a direct quotation or paraphrase. Use the quote embedding strategies you learned in 10th grade such as context, quote, and reasoning.

**Example:** When \_\_\_\_\_ brings up \_\_\_\_\_ it can be inferred that \_\_\_\_\_.

**Say Verbs:** Assert, suggest, add, argue, convey, displays, illustrates, portrays, implies, indicates

**Transitions** to reasoning: revealing, showing, supporting the idea that, which reveals

**Essential Question:** What basic freedoms are required by a just society?

Source	Source Summary	Claim 1 (with quote embedding):	Claim 2 (with quote embedding):	Claim 3 (with quote embedding):

### Source 1

Declaration of Sentiments, Seneca Falls Conference, 1848

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

*Abolitionists Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott convened the first women's rights convention in 1848 in Seneca Falls, N.Y. The Declaration of Sentiments was modeled after the U.S. Declaration of Independence and borrowed language from the antislavery movement, demanding that women be given full rights of citizenship. Sixty-eight women and 32 men signed the document.*

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness...

The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable right to the elective franchise.

He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.

He has withheld from her rights which are given to the most ignorant and degraded men—both natives and foreigners.

Having deprived her of this first right of a citizen, the elective franchise, thereby leaving her without representation in the halls of legislation, he has oppressed her on all sides.

He has made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.

He has taken from her all right in property, even to the wages she earns.

He has made her, morally, an irresponsible being, as she can commit many crimes with impunity, provided they be done in the presence of her husband. In the covenant of marriage, she is compelled to promise obedience to her husband, he becoming, to all intents and purposes, her master—the law giving him power to deprive her of her liberty, and to administer chastisement.

He has so framed the laws of divorce, as to what shall be the proper causes of divorce; in case of separation, to whom the

guardianship of the children shall be given, as to be wholly regardless of the happiness of women—the law, in all cases, going upon a false supposition of the supremacy of man, and giving all power into his hands.

After depriving her of all rights as a married woman, if single, and the owner of property, he has taxed her to support a government which recognizes her only when her property can be made profitable to it.

He has monopolized nearly all the profitable employments, and from those she is permitted to follow, she receives but a scanty remuneration.

He closes against her all the avenues to wealth and distinction which he considers most honorable to himself. As a teacher of theology, medicine, or law, she is not known.

He has denied her the facilities for obtaining a thorough education, all colleges being closed against her.

He allows her in Church, as well as State, but a subordinate position, claiming Apostolic authority for her exclusion from the ministry, and, with some exceptions, from any public participation in the affairs of the Church.

He has created a false public sentiment, by giving to the world a different code of morals for men and women, by which moral delinquencies which exclude women from society, are not only tolerated, but deemed of little account in man.

He has usurped the prerogative of Jehovah himself, claiming it as his right to assign for her a sphere of action, when that belongs to her conscience and to her God.

He has endeavored, in every way that he could, to destroy her confidence in her own powers, to lessen her self-respect, and to make her willing to lead a dependent and abject life.

Now, in view of this entire disfranchisement of one-half the people of this country, their social and religious degradation—in view of the unjust laws above mentioned, and because women do feel themselves aggrieved, oppressed, and fraudulently deprived of their most sacred rights, we insist that they have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States.

In entering upon the great work before us, we anticipate no small amount of misconception, misrepresentation, and ridicule; but we shall use every instrumentality within our power to effect our object. We shall employ agents, circulate tracts, petition the State and national [sic] Legislatures, and endeavor to enlist the pulpit and the press in our behalf. We hope this Convention will be followed by a series of Conventions embracing every part of the country.

## Source 2

An Excerpt from the United States Declaration of Independence

Thomas Jefferson

*Ratified on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence announced the thirteen colonies' separation from Great Britain and set the nation's civic standard that "all Men are created equal."*

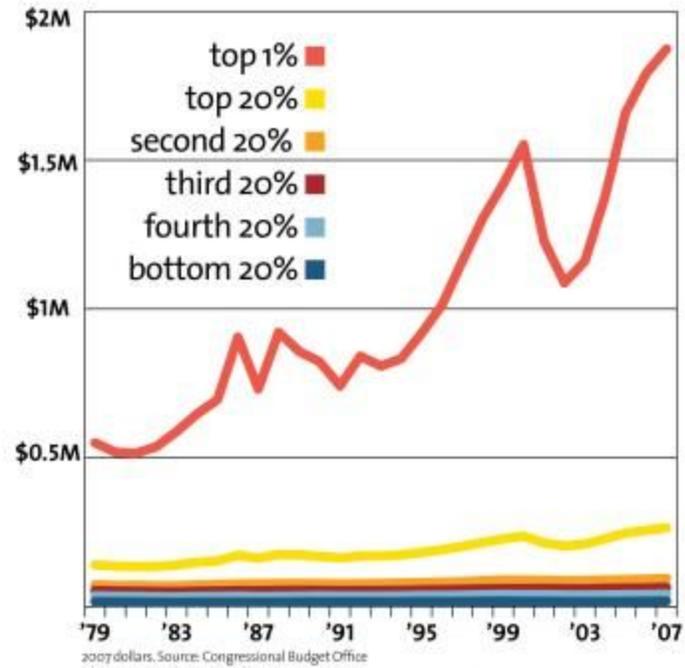
IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776. □THE UNANIMOUS □DECLARATION □OF THE □THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEN, in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's GOD entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their CREATOR, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that Governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

Source 3

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME**  
before taxes



Mother Jones

#### Source 4

An Angry Black Woman on the Subject of the Angry White Man

June Jordan

*“An Angry Black Woman on the Subject of the Angry White Man” is a poem written by June Jordan and published in 1995.*

We didn't always need affirmative action  
when we broke this crazy land into farms  
when we planted and harvested the crops  
when we dug into the earth for water  
when we carried that water into the big house kitchens and bedrooms  
when we built that big house  
when we fed and clothed other people's children with food we cooked and  
served to  
other people's children, wearing the garments that we fitted and we sewed together,  
when we hacked and hauled huge trees for lumber and fuel, when we washed and  
polished the chandeliers  
when we bleached and pressed the linens purchased by blood profits from our  
daily forced laborings,  
when we lived under the whip and in between the coffer and chains,  
when we watched our babies sold away from us  
when we lost our men to anybody's highest bidder  
when slavery defined our days and our prayers and our nighttimes of no rest  
—then we did not need affirmative action.  
Like two-legged livestock we cost the bossman three hundred and fifteen dollars  
or six  
hundred and seventy-five dollars and so he provided for our keep  
like two-legged livestock  
penned into the parched periphery of very grand plantation life  
we did not need affirmative action. No! We needed overthrow and a holy fire to purify  
the air .  
But for two hundred years in this crazy land the law and the bullets behind the law

continued to affirm  
the gospel of God-given white supremacy.  
For two hundred years the law and the bullets  
behind the law, and the money and the politics behind that  
money behind the bullets  
behind the law affirmed the gospel of God-given white  
supremacy God-given male  
white supremacy.

And neither the Emancipation Proclamation nor the Civil War nor one constitutional  
amendment after another nor one civil rights legislation after another could bring about a  
yielding of the followers of that gospel to the beauty of our human face. Justice don't mean nothin' to a hateful heart!

And so we needed affirmative action. We needed a way into the big house  
besides the back door. We needed a chance at the classroom and jobs and open  
housing  
in okay neighborhoods.

We need a way around the hateful hearts of America  
We needed more than "freedom" because a piece of paper  
ain't the same as opportunity or  
education.

And so thirty years ago we agitated  
and we agitated until the President declared,  
"I now decree our federal commitment  
to equality not  
just as a right  
but to equality  
in fact"

And a great rejoicing rose like a spirit  
dancing  
fresh and happy on the soon-to-be-integrated-

and-most-uppity ballroom floor  
of these United States.

And Blackfolks everywhere dressed up in African-  
American pride  
and optimism

From the littlest to the elders  
we shined our shoes and brushed our hair  
and got good and ready  
for "equality in fact. "

But (three decades later) and come to find out  
we never got invited to the party  
we never got included in "the people"  
we never got no kind of affirmative action worth  
more than spit in the wind.

(...)

and yesterday

the new man in the White House  
the new President

he said, "What we have done for women and minorities is a good  
thing, but we

must respond to those who feel discriminated against. ...

This is a psychologically difficult  
time for the so-called angry white man."

Well I am here to tell the world that 46 percent of my children living in poverty  
does not feel good to me  
and more Black men in prison cells than college  
does not feel good to me  
psychologically  
or otherwise!

Tell that angry white man "Get a grip!"

White men constitute 44 percent of the American labor force but white men occupy 95 percent of all senior management positions!

And 80 percent of the congress, four fifths of tenured university faculty, nine tenths of the Senate – and 92 percent of the Forbes 400!

Hey guys, get a grip!

You say you're angry?

Who's angry?!!!

I say the problem with affirmative action seems to me like way too much affirmative talk but way too little action!

#### Source 5

*Always Running*

Luis J. Rodriguez

*This is an excerpt from the memoir Always Running, written by Luis J. Rodriguez and published in 1993.*

Our first exposure in America stays with me like a foul odor. It seemed a strange world, most of it spiteful to us, spitting and stepping on us, coughing us up, us immigrants, as if we were phlegm stuck in the collective throat of this country. My father was mostly out of work. When he did have a job it was in construction, in factories such as Sinclair Paints or Standard Brands Dog Food, or pushing door-bells selling insurance, Bibles or pots and pans. My mother found work cleaning homes or in the garment industry. She knew the corner markets were ripping her off but she could only speak with her hands and in a choppy English.

Once my mother gathered up the children and we walked to Will Rogers Park. There were people everywhere. Mama looked around for a place we could rest. She spotted an empty spot on a park bench. But as soon as she sat down an American woman, with three kids of her own, came by.

“Hey, get out of there—that’s our seat.”

My mother understood but didn’t know how to answer back in English. So she tried in Spanish.

“Look spic, you can’t sit there!” the American woman yelled. “You don’t belong here! Understand? This is not your country!”

Mama quietly got our things and walked away, but I knew frustration and anger bristled within her because she was unable to talk, and when she did, no one would listen.

We never stopped crossing borders. The Río Grande (or Río Bravo, which is what the Mexicans call it, giving the name a power “Río Grande” just doesn’t have) was only the first of countless barriers set in our path.

We kept jumping hurdles, kept breaking from the constraints, kept evading the border guards of every new trek. It was a metaphor to fill our lives—that river, that first crossing, the mother of all crossings. The L.A. River, for example, became a new barrier, keeping the Mexicans in their neighborhoods over on the vast east side of the city for years, except for forays downtown. Schools provided other restrictions: Don’t speak Spanish, don’t be Mexican—you don’t belong. Railroad tracks divided us from communities where white people lived, such as South Gate and Lynwood across from Watts. We were invisible people in a city which thrived on glitter, big screens and big names, but this glamour contained none of our names, none of our faces.

The refrain “this is not your country” echoed for a lifetime.

Source 6

"Crazy Versus Eccentric" is a cartoon created by Andy Singer and published in 2011 at Politicalcartoons.com.



## Source 7

Gender Trouble  
Patricia Williams

*“Gender Trouble” is an article written by Patricia Williams and published in The Nation on May 23, 2011.*

Over the past few years, attacks on transgendered people in public places have been on the rise. In 2009 a transwoman in Queens was pelted with rocks, beer bottles and misogynistic slurs. Just weeks before in the same borough, two men used a belt buckle to beat a transwoman named Leslie Mora. In late April a widely disseminated video captured two teenage girls punching and dragging Chrissy Lee Polis from a women’s room to the front door of a Baltimore-area McDonald’s. That video, made by an employee, shows bystanders just watching, with little move to aid her.

Crimes like these often stem from simple homophobia; but they reveal a more specific discomfort with the ambiguity that transgendered people embody. The intensity of that discomfort extends to many situations that fall short of violence. Insults and isolation in housing, the workplace, gyms, schools and always, always in public bathrooms — premised on resolute gender binarism— leave transgendered people forever making the “wrong” choice. There are, for example, queasy debates at Smith and other women’s colleges about how to negotiate the presence of students who are admitted as women but graduate as men.

Transgender identities challenge us to think about the morphisms of “sex” and “gender,” “woman” and “man,” “real” and “not real.” This is a hot topic in academic circles: for example, attempting to disambiguate the notion of “identity” as a matter of legal subjectivity, when, say, a man with a heap of warrants is finally arrested—but by the time the police catch up, he has become a she, and in the name of that transformation asserts as a defense that “he” was a different person. It’s easy to dismiss this sort of discussion as funny or unimportant, but I think it’s necessary, not merely because it directly affects the lives of the transgendered but because it tests and expands the thinking of those of us who are not transgendered yet whose collective responses shape the social environment.

Take Smith. Its administration has said it welcomes trans students as part of a diverse community, but apparently not all students and alumnae agree. For some, a commitment to remaining a women’s college rests on assumptions about what a woman is as a biological matter, what gender is as a social construction and why a woman’s experience is, or is deemed to be, different from that of a man. Trans students evoke squeamishness particularly among older alums, as well as among those who come to a “single sex”

school for its white-glove, ladylike connotations, or perhaps out of commitment to women's education as a form of empowerment (Gloria Steinem went to Smith, after all). This contentious conversation scrutinizes not just the gender of individual students but overall institutional identity. The debate at Smith brought to the fore, for example, those who were unhappy to see their school's feminine image newly shared with transmen.

The debate is difficult precisely because it feels so new—and in some ways it is. Sex reassignment technologies are so novel that the accompanying medical discourse still conflates those who have ambiguous genitalia; those whose endocrine systems are ambiguously skewed; and those whose psychology is felt to be at odds with their biology. And what about the culture of elective cosmetic surgery, or the cult of physical perfection that drives even normatively gendered people to feel “not normative enough” and so seek to become “more feminine” or “more masculine” through the wizardry of nose jobs, labial stitching, liposuction, pectoral implants and breast enhancement?

So what do we mean when we ask a pregnant person if “it” is a boy or a girl? The inquiry seems permissible only in utero. We get edgy when we don't already know the answer when encountering a full-grown adult. Do we expand our meaning so that “woman” includes those who may have been born with uncertain genitalia but who grew up being dressed, viewed, identified as female from birth? Do we include that category of people who regarded themselves as men from the very beginning of childhood consciousness yet who, in asserting that sense of self, are not privileged with the perquisites of (white, straight) masculinity but are instead branded as freaks or frauds?

Most difficult of all, what might it mean to explode the entire category of “woman” as anything like a stable designation? What does that mean for the status of women's colleges, women's sports, to say nothing of the proverbial ladies' room? After all, it's not as though men have never been on the campuses of women's colleges. I went to a women's college, and “gentlemen callers” were everywhere—at meals, in seminars, in bedrooms and bathrooms, all but climbing in the windows on weekends. But those were “men” defined in a clear, binary and thoroughly heterosexual context.

To engage in gender-bending means that we are thrown into confusion with regard to everything from Title IX to the college rankings of U.S. News & World Report. , Rightly or wrongly, women's and men's identities are still largely linked to the preservation of images of good wives in pearls and husbands in spats or, as one of the teenagers in the McDonald's assault put it, to literally beating back competition for the affections of “my man” (or “woman,” as the case may be)

There are lessons to be mastered in all this, about principles of antidiscrimination and freedom of expression; about the complexities

of perceived reputation (“I don’t want to be sneered at for still having a woman’s body,” said a Bryn Mawr student in the process of changing genders); and about institutional investments, dependent as they are on assessments of risk (Smith’s endowment managers are no doubt sweating bullets, given the power of alums as donors). Resolving these conflicts with dignity and thoughtfulness is no less important than educating and prosecuting those who use sticks and stones to beat away their terror of humanity’s infinite variability.

### **Task 3 of 4: Rhetorical analysis passage annotation**

President Ronald Reagan’s speech at the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin  
Delivered June 12, 1987

**Directions:** Annotate the Reagan’s speech using **multiple reads**:

**FIRST READ:** Interpret what the author is literally saying and summarize each paragraph in the left column.

**SECOND READ:** “Chunk” text (into thirds - beginning, middle, end) and describe purpose of each chunk in right column. Make sure to use **RED** as the text color. Descriptions should include identifications such as:

→ Introduce, develop, or conclude \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD READ:** Identify overall purpose of text at the end of the passage and make sure to use **BLUE** as text color. using the following language pattern:

In [title of text], [author] [“says” verb] [purpose] .

**FOURTH READ:** Make notes in the margin using **GREEN** as text color about how each third develops ethos, pathos, and/or logos using language patterns such as:

→ Appeal to [ethos/pathos/logos] by/when \_\_\_\_\_

**FIFTH READ:** Identify and label the following devices in the margin within the text using **PURPLE** as text color:

Allusion, absolute, anaphora, antithesis, aposiopesis, apostrophe, asyndeton, loaded language, imagery, juxtaposition, metaphor, personification, rhetorical question, simple sentence, compound-complex sentence

<p>Annotation:</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>President Ronald Reagan's Remarks at the Brandenburg Gate</u></b>, June 12, 1987.  <i>President Ronald Reagan spoke in from of the Brandenburg gate, the barrier separating West Berlin from Communist-controlled East Berlin</i></p>
	<p>5</p> <p>10</p> <p>15</p> <p>20</p>	<p>...Our gathering today is being broadcast throughout Western Europe and North America. I understand that it is being seen and heard as well in the East. To those listening throughout Eastern Europe, I extend my warmest greetings and the good will of the American people. To those listening in East Berlin, a special word: Although I cannot be with you, I address my remarks to you just as surely as to those standing here before me. For I join you, as I join your fellow countrymen in the West, in this firm, this unalterable belief: <i>Es gibt nur ein Berlin.</i> — [Translation: There is only one Berlin.]</p> <p>Behind me stands a wall that encircles the free sectors of this city, part of a vast system of barriers that divides the entire continent of Europe. From the Baltic South, those barriers cut across Germany in a gash of barbed wire, concrete, dog runs, and guard towers. Farther south, there may be no visible, no obvious wall. But there remain armed guards and checkpoints all the same -- still a restriction on the right to travel, still an instrument to impose upon ordinary men and women the will of a totalitarian state.</p> <p>Yet, it is here in Berlin where the wall emerges most clearly; here, cutting across your city, where the news photo and the television screen have imprinted this brutal division of a continent upon the mind of the world.</p> <p>Standing before the Brandenburg Gate, every man is a German separated from his fellow men. Every man is a Berliner, forced to look upon a scar.</p> <p>President Von Weizsäcker has said, "The German question is open as long as the Brandenburg Gate is closed." Well today -- today I say: As long as this gate is closed, as long as this scar of a wall is permitted to stand, it is not the German question alone that remains open, but the question of freedom for all mankind.</p> <p>Yet, I do not come here to lament. For I find in Berlin a message of hope, even in the shadow of this wall, a message of triumph.</p>

25 In this season of spring in 1945, the people of Berlin emerged from their air-raid shelters to find devastation. Thousands of miles away, the people of the United States reached out to help. And in 1947 Secretary of State -- as you've been told -- George Marshall announced the creation of what would become known as the [Marshall Plan](#). Speaking precisely 40 years ago this month, he said: "Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine, but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos."

30 In the Reichstag a few moments ago, I saw a display commemorating this 40th anniversary of the Marshall Plan. I was struck by a sign -- the sign on a burnt-out, gutted structure that was being rebuilt. I understand that Berliners of my own generation can remember seeing signs like it dotted throughout the western sectors of the city. The sign read simply: "The Marshall Plan is helping here to strengthen the free world." A strong, free world in the West -- that dream became real. Japan rose from ruin to become an economic giant. Italy, France, Belgium -- virtually every nation in Western Europe saw political and economic rebirth; the European Community was founded.

35 In West Germany and here in Berlin, there took place an economic miracle, the Wirtschaftswunder. Adenauer, Erhard, Reuter, and other leaders understood the practical importance of liberty -- that just as truth can flourish only when the journalist is given freedom of speech, so prosperity can come about only when the farmer and businessman enjoy economic freedom. The German leaders -- the German leaders reduced tariffs, expanded free trade, lowered taxes. From 1950 to 1960 alone, the standard of living in West Germany and Berlin doubled.

40 Where four decades ago there was rubble, today in West Berlin there is the greatest industrial output of any city in Germany: busy office blocks, fine homes and apartments, proud avenues, and the spreading lawns of parkland. Where a city's culture seemed to have been destroyed, today there are two great universities, orchestras and an opera, countless theaters, and museums. Where there was want, today there's abundance -- food, clothing, automobiles -- the wonderful goods of the Kudamm.<sup>1</sup> From devastation, from utter ruin, you Berliners have, in freedom, rebuilt a city that once again ranks as one of the greatest on earth. Now the Soviets may have had other plans. But my friends, there were a few things the Soviets didn't count on: Berliner Herz, Berliner Humor, ja, und Berliner Schnauze. [Translation: "Berliner heart, Berliner humor, yes, and a Berliner Schnauze.""]

50 In the 1950s -- In the 1950s Khrushchev predicted: "[We will bury you.](#)"

But in the West today, we see a free world that has achieved a level of prosperity and well-being unprecedented in all human history. In the Communist world, we see failure, technological backwardness,

	55	<p>declining standards of health, even want of the most basic kind -- too little food. Even today, the Soviet Union still cannot feed itself. After these four decades, then, there stands before the entire world one great and inescapable conclusion: Freedom leads to prosperity. Freedom replaces the ancient hatreds among the nations with comity and peace. Freedom is the victor.</p> <p>And now -- now the Soviets themselves may, in a limited way, be coming to understand the importance of freedom. We hear much from Moscow about a new policy of reform and openness. Some political prisoners have been released. Certain foreign news broadcasts are no longer being jammed. Some economic enterprises have been permitted to operate with greater freedom from state control.</p> <p>Are these the beginnings of profound changes in the Soviet state? Or are they token gestures intended to raise false hopes in the West, or to strengthen the Soviet system without changing it? We welcome change and openness; for we believe that freedom and security go together, that the advance of human liberty -- the advance of human liberty can only strengthen the cause of world peace.</p> <p>There is one sign the Soviets can make that would be unmistakable, that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace.</p> <p>General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate.</p> <p>Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate. —</p> <p>Mr. Gorbachev -- Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall! —</p> <p>I understand the fear of war and the pain of division that afflict this continent, and I pledge to you my country's efforts to help overcome these burdens. To be sure, we in the West must resist Soviet expansion. So, we must maintain defenses of unassailable strength. Yet we seek peace; so we must strive to reduce arms on both sides...</p>
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**Task 4 of 4: Planning an argumentative essay**

The following passage is from *Rights of Man*, a book written by the pamphleteer Thomas Paine in 1791. Born in England, Paine was an intellectual, a revolutionary, and a supporter of American independence from England.

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Then, in the graphic organizer on the following page, plan an essay that examines the extent to which Paine’s characterization of America holds true today. Use appropriate evidence to support your argument.

If there is a country in the world, where concord, according to common calculation, would be least expected, it is America. Made up, as it is, of people from different nations, accustomed to different forms and habits of government, speaking different languages, and more different in their modes of worship, it would appear that the union of such a people was impracticable; but by the simple operation of constructing government on the principles of society and the rights of man, every difficulty retires, and all the parts are brought into cordial unison. There, the poor are not oppressed, the rich are not privileged. . . . Their taxes are few, because their government is just; and as there is nothing to render them wretched, there is nothing to engender riots and tumults.

*Use this graphic organizer or create your own:*

<b>Thesis/Central Claim:</b>		
<b>Supporting/Sub Claim</b> <i>Specific reasons why the thesis statement is true.</i>	<b>Evidence</b> <i>Observations, experiences, or facts that help prove the claim.</i>	<b>Reasoning</b> <i>The logical connection (connotations and denotations) between the evidence and supporting claim. Why and how does the selected evidence support the sub-claim?</i>
