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SAT Essay Template

Introduction

- **Sentence 1:** Briefly introduce the passage and its author.
Example: "In the passage, [Author's Name] argues that [briefly summarize the author's claim]."
- **Sentence 2:** State the author's purpose and the key rhetorical strategies used.
Example: "The author uses [rhetorical strategies like ethos, logos, pathos] to persuade the audience of [their main point]."

Body Paragraph 1

- **Topic Sentence:** Introduce the first rhetorical strategy the author uses.
Example: "One of the strategies the author uses to build their argument is [rhetorical strategy]."
- **Explanation:** Explain how the strategy is used.
Example: "The author [describe how they use this strategy] to [achieve their purpose]."
- **Evidence:** Provide specific examples from the text.
Example: "For instance, the author states, '[quote]' which illustrates [how the strategy works]."

Body Paragraph 2

- **Topic Sentence:** Introduce the second rhetorical strategy.
Example: "Another technique the author uses is [rhetorical strategy]."



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- **Explanation:** Explain how this strategy is used.
Example: "This helps the author [explain the purpose]."
- **Evidence:** Provide examples from the passage.
Example: "An example of this is when the author writes, '[quote],' emphasizing [how the strategy supports the argument]."

Body Paragraph 3

- **Topic Sentence:** Introduce the third rhetorical strategy.
Example: "Lastly, the author uses [rhetorical strategy] to strengthen their point."
- **Explanation:** Explain how this strategy contributes to the argument.
Example: "This adds to the argument by [describe its effect]."
- **Evidence:** Provide specific evidence.
Example: "For example, the author says, '[quote],' which appeals to [how it reinforces the argument]."

Conclusion

- **Sentence 1:** Summarize how the author's strategies effectively persuade the audience.
Example: "Overall, the author effectively persuades the audience by using [rhetorical strategies]."
- **Sentence 2:** Briefly restate the author's purpose.
Example: "Through these techniques, the author successfully argues that [restate the main point]."