Rhetorical Précis Template

1. ______________________________________ in his/her _________________

   [Name of the author]

   ___________________________________ titled __________________________________

   [type of the text] [the text's title]

   argues that ________________________________________________________________.

   [the text's main argument]

2. The author supports his/her arguments by _____________________________________

   [evidence presented by the author]

   ________________________________________________________________.

3. The author's purpose is to ________________________________________________

   [what the author wants to achieve]

   in order to ________________________________________________________________.

   [the text's intended effect on readers]

4. The author writes in a ______________________________________ tone

   [description of the text's tone]

   for ________________________________________________________________.

   [the type of audience]