

Provide a context sheet that will outline the rhetorical situation of the piece of writing: author (no real names), audience, exigence, purpose, context/constraints, and genre. You should also indicate what style guide(s) you will be using, and any special concerns the author has.

The *author* of both pieces is the same: a high school AP Lang & Comp student.

RHETORICAL SITUATION FOR THE PERSONAL LETTER

Audience – Alex – author’s sister (specific audience)

Exigence: This letter was the author’s summer reading assignment prior to beginning the class – to write a letter to a person who influenced the author’s “personal reading journey.”

Purpose: To convey one's personal relationship with reading in a colloquial, informal style.

Context/constraints: While the letter is personal and therefore colloquial, it's still an assignment to be submitted to a teacher. Therefore, it must be grammatically correct. To some extent, there is still an expected level of maturity and formality. The genre itself is also a constraint.

Genre: personal letter

RHETORICAL SITUATION FOR RHETORICAL ANALYSIS ESSAY

Audience: Author’s teacher

Exigence: The author was given a practice prompt.

Purpose: To rhetorically analyze George Orwell's "Shooting an Elephant" in a well-organized essay.

Context/constraints: Must be formal/professional. Cannot rely too heavily on summary. Must use third person.

Genre: Rhetorical analysis essay