

Midterm Essay Prompt

Review the essay (you should have already read it, it will be one of the example essays we've already discussed). Make sure you understand it before you write your response.

Remember the guidelines you've studied on how to write a *rhetorical analysis*, including the rhetorical analysis prompt, the example essays, our text, and the logic handout—all of which you can use. Use them in writing your response. Feel free to review them now, but remember the clock is ticking.

I would make yourself a scratch outline before you write. Your response should be an essay which is *at least* 3 paragraphs long. Your evidence should consist mainly of quotations from the essay, and your analysis and evaluation of those quotations.

Your thesis should probably be that the essay is 1) effective, 2) ineffective, or 3) partially effective in convincing the reader that the author's world view is correct. You should follow this with a plan of development, laying out your arguments.

I wouldn't worry about a hook, or a long summary at the end of the essay. While I often encourage synthesis, please DO NOT relate any long stories about your life in your response. That would miss the point of the question and get you a poor grade.

You should take no longer than two hours to write your response.

Proofreading is always a good idea.

If you fail this test, you will have an opportunity to revise.

Please write on the essay "No Need To Call"

Some questions to consider when writing your response (you do not have to answer these, they are suggestions for ways to approach the issue, the rhetorical analysis prompt suggests many other):

What is her argument?

What is her primary mode of argument (emotional, rational, ethical)?

What evidence does she use to support her arguments?

Does she use the other modes at all? Where, and how effectively?

What is her tone? How do you know? Does it help her argument?

What assumptions does she make? Do you share them?

You might want to take some notes on what you want to write about:

You might want to make a “scratch” (quick) outline of what you want to write about: