

Rhetorical Genre Analysis Worksheet

1. What is the rhetorical situation in which this genre is used?

- a. To what is the genre responding? (Cause)
- b. Where is it used? (Where)
- c. Who writes and reads this genre? (Who)
- d. For what purposes do they use this genre? (Why)

2. What are the patterns in this genre?

- a. What kinds of content, examples, or evidence does this typically genre use?
- b. What are the essential features of this genre? What is included?
- c. How do people generally structure and format this genre?
- d. How would you characterize the language of this genre?

3. What can these patterns tell you? Why are they important?

- a. What do people need to know to participate in the genre?
- b. Who is included? Who is excluded?
- c. What content is considered important?
- d. What are the values and beliefs that this genre demonstrates?
- e. What actions does the genre make possible or difficult?
- f. What is the attitude toward readers?