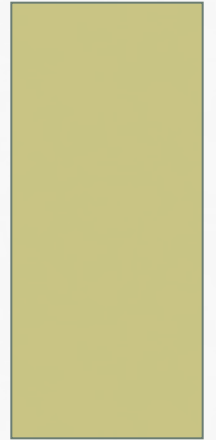


SAT ESSAY

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#1: AN INTRODUCTION

The first impression the grader will have of your writing is your essay introduction. Don't just jump right into discussing argumentative techniques — introduce your analysis with a statement (thesis statement) of what the author is arguing in the prompt.

WHAT IS PROMPT?

Prompt is the text you have to analyze.
Yesterday, our prompt was the text
“Air-Conditioning Will Be the End of Us”

SAT ESSAY IS NOT A TYPICAL ONE

SAT essay graders **do not care what your opinion** is on the issue. They care that **you understand and explain how the author argues his/her point.**

The SAT essay task is designed for you to demonstrate that you can **analyze the structure of an argument and its affect on the reader** with clear and coherent reasoning.

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SPECIFIC EXAMPLES THAT SUPPORT YOUR POINT

To support your thesis, you'll need to draw on specific examples from the passage of the techniques you claim the author uses. Make sure to provide enough information for each example to make it clear how it is relevant to your thesis - and stop there. No need to paraphrase the entire passage, or explain why you agree or disagree with the author's argument - **write enough that the reader can understand what your example is and be done.**

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EXPLANATIONS OF THE EXAMPLES THAT SUPPORT YOUR POINT

It isn't enough to just summarize or paraphrase specific excerpts taken from the passage and call it a day. In each example paragraph, you must not only include details about an example, but also include an explanation of how each example demonstrates an argument technique and why it is persuasive.

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A CONCLUSION

The conclusion should **restate your thesis and briefly mention the examples you wrote about in your essay (and how they supported your thesis)**. If you haven't done it already in your essay, this is NOT the place to write about a broader context, or to contradict yourself, or to add further examples you didn't discuss. End on a strong note.

- 1) In conclusion, Eric Klinenberg uses allusion to a current situation, humor tone and clear reasons and examples so as to warn the audience to less rely on air-conditioning. Although air-conditioners enable us to bear the increasing heat, they are, in fact, contributing to climate change.
- 2) On the whole, author Eric Klinenberg delivers a logical and reliable argument for persuading the public to reduce their reliance on air-conditioning. It is through his utilization of many effective literary strategies that make the article deserve recognition and approval.

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