

## RHETORICAL ANALYSIS

### BEFORE READING THE PASSAGE:

- Read prompt and identify the over-arching question:
  - Over-arching question will use "What" as the interrogatory
  - The words "strategies" or "techniques" will NOT be in the over-arching question
  - Most common over-arching questions:
    - What is the author's purpose?
    - What is the author's attitude/view?
    - What is the author's central argument?

### READ PASSAGE CAREFULLY:

- Find the answer to the over-arching question
- Annotate strategies and techniques

### SHOW & TELL METHOD

**WHAT?**  
Answer to the  
over-arching question

**HOW?**  
Textual Evidence of  
strategies or techniques

**WHY?**  
Explanation of "WHY" the  
textual evidence (HOW)  
develops the answer to the  
over-arching question  
(WHAT)