

AP Language and Composition

Semester 1, Term 1 Midterm Review List

1. persuasion: (n.) the act of convincing an audience to do something by mostly appealing to their emotions
2. argument: (n.) establishing a claim or exchanging diverging or opposite views through the use of facts and logic
3. rhetoric: (n.) the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing, especially the use of figures of speech and other compositional techniques
4. syntax: (n.) the arrangement of words and phrases in a system of language
5. diction: (n.) the purposeful choice and use of words and phrases in speech or writing
6. logos: (n.) in rhetoric, a means of convincing someone through a system of logic.
7. corroborate: (v.) to support or help prove; to make more certain
8. trepidation: (n.) a feeling of fear that causes one to hesitate because one thinks something unpleasant is going to happen
9. subservient: (adj.) very willing to obey someone else; less important to someone or something else
10. anarchy: (n.) a situation of confusion and wild behavior in which people are not controlled by rules or laws
11. dissemble: (v.) to hide under a false appearance.
12. deference: (n.) a way of behaving that shows respect for someone or something
13. iniquity: (n.) the quality of being unfair or evil
14. syllogism: (n.) a deductive scheme of a formal argument consisting of a major and a minor premise and a conclusion
15. ad hominem: (adj.) marked by or being an attack on an opponent's character rather than by an answer to questions asked