Literary Elements on AP Final Exam

Author

Scientific researcher

Lexicographer (Dictionary Complier and Editor)

Historian

Sociologist

Teacher

Visionary

Popular Writer

Critic

Literary Author

Politician

Minister

Modes of Writing

Organization:

Induction and Persuasion

Process Analysis

Example

Definition

Cause and Effect

Comparison or Contrast

Deductive Reasoning

Analogy

Apology

Classification

Delineation

Exposition

Narration and Description

Chronological Order

Spatial Organization

Anecdote

Type:

Historical Study

Textbook

Literary Period Analysis

Political History

Caricature

Critique

Tribute

Illustration

Political Speech

Primary Source

Secondary Source

Terminology

Ad hominem

Anecdotal Evidence

Appeals to Authority

Appeals to Ignorance

Appeals to Emotions (Sentimental)

Syllogistic Reasoning

Scare Tactics

Equivocation

Analogy

Ad Hoc Argument

Apostrophe

Extended Metaphors

Imagery

Irony

Similes

Personification

Symbol

Antithesis

Allegory

Aphorisms

Ironical Statements

Paradox

Denotation

Epithets

Diction

First Person, point of view

Allusion

Hyperbole

Antithesis

Understatement

Alliteration

Syntax

Periodic

Run-on

Metaphorical Conceit (Paradox)

Infinitives

Inversion

Parallel Structure

Prepositional Phrases

Compound-Complex sentence

Ellipsis

Rhetorical Questions

Parenthesis

Direct Quotations

Tone and Words

Presentation of the Topic:

Dry

Objective

Detached

Abstract

Ambiguous

Legalistic

Terse

Subtle

Formal

Pedantic

Polished

Erudite

Vituperative (Insulting)

Rhetorical

Ornate

Whimsical

Flowery

Elegant

Praising

Revealing

Exhortative (Encourage, Incite, Advise)

Intellectual (Logos):

Cerebral

Probing

Convincing

Scientific

Humanitarian

Cogent

Analytical

Observant

Detailed

Positive:

Lighthearted

Humorous

Servile

Forthright

Reverent

Wistful

Effusive

Elegiac

Negative:

Passive

Melodramatic

Fearful

Apathetic

Disaffected

Bitter

Cynical

Opinionated

Skeptical

Satirical

Ironic

Sadistic

Sardonic

Condescending

Patronizing

Accusative

Pretentious

Haughty

Tempestuous

Irreverent