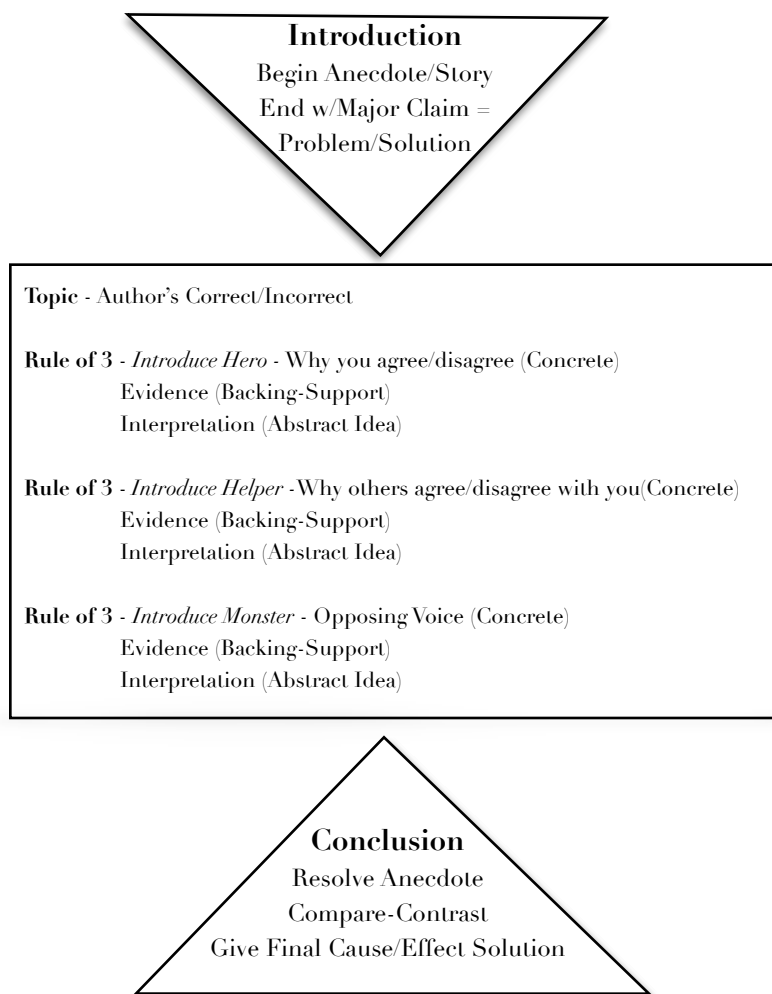


Purpose:

The AP Test consists of three essays: Analysis, Synthesis, and Argument. Each have specific expectations that AP Readers will recognize and reward. The content will always be yours, but if you structure it in familiar ways, your credibility and your score will increase. Below are some strategies on how to make your content work for you in concise and credible ways.

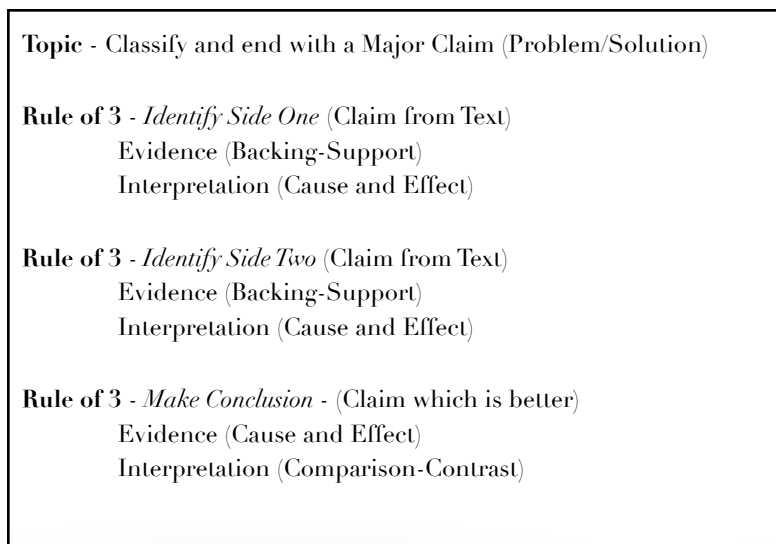
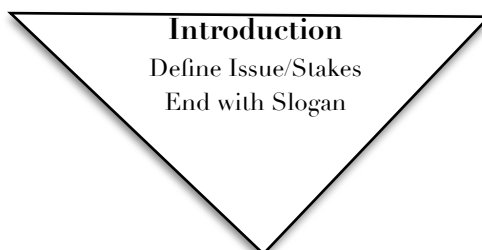
Strategy #1 - Analysis Essay: Telescope Correlation

Probably the easiest essay of the three essays, this will ask you to take a side on an issue. It's deceptively simple. The minute most people hear "give a personal experience" they feel their opinion is all that matters. Wrong! AP wants you to develop your insight with experience, concessions (other's opinions) and "global perspective" (information outside the prompt and outside your personal opinion: reading, news, historical events, cross-curricular insight).



Strategy #2 - Synthesis Essay: Identify-Identify-Correlate Essay

Definitely the most challenging of the three essays, this requires the most time and attention. It will give you 6-8 sources (charts, pictures, articles, essays, speeches, comics) and you are to answer the question using these sources exclusively. Like the Argument Essay, AP expects you to “defend, challenge, or qualify” your position using the sources provided (and citing them).



Strategy 3 - Analysis Essay: Precis Response

Though this may not be your easiest essay, it is probably definitely your quickest to write because it does not require a ton of style. A little style (an analogy or metaphor) and you are likely to raise your score, but essentially, this is a feature story about an essay, speech, excerpt from a book. It will ask you to “analyze the language” to examine the works “intended effect”. The reading requires you to do annotate (ELPS, DIDLS, SOAPS), the respond with the facts.

