

## Rhetorical Reading Group Worksheet

Pick one of the following essays in either pairs or on your own and fill out the worksheet below. This is practice for the rhetorical analysis essay you will write soon.

1. Arriving at Perfection by Benjamin Franklin:  
[https://mrskillianclass.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/franklin\\_arrivingatperfection.pdf](https://mrskillianclass.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/franklin_arrivingatperfection.pdf)
2. On Benjamin Franklin's Virtues by DH Lawrence:  
<https://aplogosblog.wordpress.com/2017/04/24/on-ben-franklins-virtues-by-d-h-lawrence/>
3. Portrait of an Ideal World by HL Mencken: <https://www.paradise-engineering.com/misc/>

1. Who is speaking (both literal name and relevant identity features)?

2. When and where are they speaking?

3. Who are they speaking to?

4. What outcome do they want to produce in that audience?

5. List at least five choices they make in order to produce that outcome:

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6. Using your answers to all previous questions, craft a thesis for an essay that would perform a rhetorical analysis of the speaker's attempt to produce their intended outcome: