

# Claims Speed Dating

# You are about to “meet” many new AP RA prompts!

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1. Read the prompt carefully, get to know it.
2. Peer deep into it’s soul and analyze it’s meaning.
3. Consider how it makes the audience feel.
4. Create a claims statement as if you were going to write a full essay with the given prompt.

Identify what the writer does and why.

Example: In the passage Silent Spring, Biologist Rachel Carson uses rhetorical strategies like death-related diction and emotional appeals to convey the central argument that the use of these poisons is irresponsible.

**If you find yourself still struggling with the steps above, try these sentence starters:**

\_\_\_\_\_ uses \_\_\_\_\_ in order to **convey** \_\_\_\_\_  
author's name rhetorical strategy purpose/message  
OR

\_\_\_\_\_ uses \_\_\_\_\_ in order to **develop** \_\_\_\_\_  
author's name rhetorical strategy purpose/message  
OR

\_\_\_\_\_ **achieves** \_\_\_\_\_ through the use of \_\_\_\_\_  
author's name purpose/message rhetorical strategy

# Notes:

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Here is a list of verbs to help you make connections. To understand how they work, just put the phrase “The author...” in front of them.

conveys, illustrates, creates, implies, describes, suggests, compares,  
enumerates, contrasts, emphasizes, establishes, argues, defines, characterizes,  
connects, demonstrates, elaborates, employs

# Model



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Johnny Cash uses diction that provokes a somber and regrettable tone and repetition in order to convey that when facing death, people realize that their accomplishments are fruitless and devoid of meaning.

**Group Practice: Was Neil Young's song "Ohio" rhetorically effective?**

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# Independent Practice: Was Beyoncé's song "Pretty Hurts" rhetorically effective?

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