

# Wimbley's Rhetoric

A new website to help students with the AP exam.

Wimbley's Rhetoric website is designed to provide basic rhetorical concepts to help you prepare for the **English Language and Composition** portion of the AP exam; specifically, **Question 2**.

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## The English Language and Composition section of the AP exam.

Section II of the AP exam is a free response question. This section will consist of three prompts:

**Synthesis:** You will read several texts about a topic and create an argument that synthesizes at least three of the sources to support your thesis.

**Rhetorical analysis:** You will read a non-fiction text and analyze how the writer's language choices contribute to his or her purpose and intended meaning for the text.

**Argument:** You will create an evidence-based argument that responds to a given topic.

## So where do you begin?

Sometimes it's hard to know where to begin with your argument. Start by visiting the Wimbley Rhetoric page, **Inventio**. Inventio is Latin for "invention" or "discovery," and this web page is all about inventing and organizing arguments. Wrapping your head around invention will be indispensable to you and will help you develop a systematic approach to setting up an argument.<sup>1</sup>

Dig deeper: Check out the **Toulmin Model of Argument handout**, which illustrates the six parts of a solid argument: Data, Claim, Warrants, Qualifiers, Rebuttals, and Backing.

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