Overview

Persuasive Techniques in Julius Caesar

by Michelle Purcell and Sarah Cox

Students will analyze Antony’s funeral speech from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

Grades: 9 10

Discipline: ELA

Teaching Task: Task Template 14 (Informational or Explanatory and Description)

Course: English II

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Section 1: What Task?

TEACHING TASK

Task Template 14 [1 Level] Informational & Description

**L1:** How does Mark Antony sway the citizens of Rome? After reading Julius Caesar and selected nonfiction texts, write an essay that describes the rhetorical techniques Antony uses in his funeral speech and addresses the question. Support your discussion with evidence from the text(s).

STUDENT BACKGROUND

For this task, you will apply the rhetorical analysis skills we have practiced in previous units to analyze Antony's use of rhetorical techniques to persuade Roman citizens in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

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Common Core Anchor Standards Reading

**R.CCR.1:** Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

**R.CCR.2:** Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

**R.CCR.4:** Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**R.CCR.6:** Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

**R.CCR.10:** Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

Common Core Anchor Standards Writing

**W.CCR.2:** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**W.CCR.4:** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**W.CCR.5:** Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**W.CCR.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**W.CCR.10:** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Custom Standards
### Section 2: What Skills?

#### Selected Skills

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**COMPLETION:** Ability to submit final piece that meets expectations.
MiniTasks

Preparing for the Task

**TASK ENGAGEMENT:** Ability to connect the task and new content to existing knowledge, skills, experiences, interests, and concerns

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<td>In a quick write, write your first reaction to the task prompt. What words or phrases do you find confusing? What texts might be appropriate to read or revisit? Add some notes of things you know about this issue.</td>
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**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Student addresses all parts of question; response is thorough and thoughtful.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Link this task to earlier class content. Read the task prompt aloud to students. Discuss student responses using a Think-Pair-Share strategy. After they have responded on page 1 of their Writer's Notebooks, students will pair up and discuss their responses. Students will then share out their opinions as a class. Clarify timetable and support plans for the task.

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**TASK ANALYSIS:** Ability to understand and explain the task's prompt and rubric.

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<td>In your Writer's Notebook, there is a chart labeled &quot;Task Analysis.&quot; In the right column, write in your own words what you will need to do to complete each part of the task. In your own words, what are the important features of the prompt.</td>
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**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Chart is completed thoughtfully.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Share examples of type of text students will produce (either from past students or from professional writers). Identify or invite students to identify key features of examples. Pair students to share and improve their individual bullets. Create a classroom list: Choose one student to share a few ideas on the board, and ask other to add to it.
SHORT CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE 30 minutes

Your group will be assigned a category on the rubric. Discuss the key words and phrases in the category. What does an "Advanced" in this category look like? Paraphrase it.

Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If): Paraphrase is accurate and thoughtful.

Instructional Strategies: Divide students into 7 groups and assign each group a category on the rubric to discuss and paraphrase. Groups will share their paraphrases.

Reading Process

TEXT SELECTION: Ability to identify appropriate texts

NOTES 20 minutes

For each text, list the needed bibliographic information. Add bullets on why you think the work is credible and/or worthy of study. Do the sources meet the TRAAP source criteria?

Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If): Identifies author, title, publisher, date, and any other needed information (for example, the volume for a periodical or the editor for an anthology). Includes reasonable evidence that work is credible and/or worthy of study.

Instructional Strategies: Provide citation guide and discuss why each element of citation is needed. Students should record this in their Writer's Notebook.
Visit the website where the nonfiction article is located. Ask students to brainstorm what makes an author credible and/or worthy of study. Discuss TRAAP criteria.
Provide access to research sources for students to assess the texts.
Note: for an after researching task, add teaching and time for students to select the texts they will use.

Notes: TRAAP Source Credibility adapted from http://www-lib.iupui.edu/files/Applying%20the%20CRAAP%20Test%20to%20Evaluating%20Web%20Sites
**ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY:** Ability to apply strategies for developing an understanding of text(s) by locating words and phrases that identify key concepts and facts, or information.

**LIST**

Read the essential vocabulary posted around the room. In your Writer's Notebook, record their definitions and examples.

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Lists appropriate phrases.
Provides accurate definitions.
Provides accurate examples.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Gallery Walk--post definitions and examples of the essential vocab for the task around the room.
After scoring, ask some students to share definitions of terms that others overlooked or misunderstood.
After scoring, be willing to provide direct instruction or guide a close reading if needed to work through a key phrase most students missed.

**Notes:**
Essential Vocab: rhetoric, ethos, pathos, logos, rhetorical questions, repetition, reverse psychology, movement, and props.

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**ACTIVE READING:** Ability to identify the central point and main supporting elements of a text.

**SHORT CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE**

In your Writer's Notebook, complete a close reading of Mark Antony's funeral speech. In the right-hand column, paraphrase the text in your own words.
What is the author trying to accomplish? Which parts of the text show you that?
L2 What competing arguments have you encountered or can you think of?
L3 What historical or current examples can you note that relate to the task prompt?

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Answers questions with credible response.
Paraphrase is accurate and thorough.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Play an audio recording or film adaptation of Antony's speech to aid in comprehension.
Invite students to brainstorm ways to figure out any author's intent. Invite students to share and discuss their answers for each text. After the discussion, allow them to add to their entries.

**NOTE-TAKING 1:** Ability to read purposefully and select relevant information; to summarize and/or paraphrase.

**NOTES**

Complete the first "Note-taking: Ethos, Pathos, Logos" chart in your Writer's Notebook with your group. Be sure that each example listed is cited correctly using MLA format.

L2(a) What strategies will you use to discern credible sources?
L2(b): What implications can you draw? (Tasks 11, 12)
L3 Why is it important in the process of inquiry to identify gaps or unanswered questions about the topic?

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Correctly identifies examples of each rhetorical technique.
Includes information to support accurate citation (for example, page numbers for a long text, clear indication when quoting directly).

**Instructional Strategies:**
Use the jigsaw technique to complete the first note-taking chart (with example column already filled in). (See Notes for resource "Jigsaw in Ten Easy Steps.)
Once jigsaw is complete, discuss the findings as a class.
Students should complete the second "Note-taking: Ethos, Pathos, Logos" chart independently.
Check that early student work is in the assigned format (or in another format that gathers the needed information effectively).

**Notes:**
"Jigsaw in Ten Easy Steps" www.jigsaw.org/steps.htm

**NOTES**

Complete the first "Note-taking: Rhetorical Questions, Repetition, Reverse Psychology" chart in your Writer's Notebook with your group. Be sure that each example listed is cited correctly using MLA format.

L2(a) What strategies will you use to discern credible sources?
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L3 Why is it important in the process of inquiry to identify gaps or unanswered questions about the topic?
Congratulations! You have completed the first step of your project. Now, it's time to move on to the second step: **Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**

Correctly identifies examples of each rhetorical technique.
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**NOTES**

Complete the first "Note-taking: Movement and Props" chart in your Writer's Notebook with your partner. Be sure that each example listed is cited correctly using MLA format.
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L2(b): What implications can your draw? (Tasks 11,12 )
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**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**

Correctly identifies examples of each rhetorical technique.
Includes information to support accurate citation (for example, page numbers for a long text, clear indication when quoting directly).

**Instructional Strategies:**

Show a film or stage adaptation of Antony's funeral speech. Encourage students to analyze his use of props and movements.
Once students have completed first chart with their partners, discuss the findings as a class.
Students should complete the second "Note-taking: Ethos, Pathos, Logos" chart independently.
Check that early student work is in the assigned format (or in another format that gathers the needed information effectively).

**Notes:**
The 1953 film "Julius Caesar" directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz features an excellent interpretation of this speech, performed by actor Marlon Brando.

**ACTIVE READING:** Ability to identify the central point and main supporting elements of a text.

**SHORT CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE**

30-40 minutes

In your Writer's Notebook, read the article "The Art of Swaying a Hostile Crowd: Mark Antony's Funeral Oration" and complete the Cornell Notes as you read.

What is the author trying to accomplish? Which parts of the text show you that?

L2 What competing arguments have you encountered or can you think of?

L3 What historical or current examples can you note that relate to the task prompt?

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**

Answers questions with credible response.

Cornell Notes are thoughtfully completed.

**Instructional Strategies:**

Invite students to brainstorm ways to figure out any authors intent.

Invite students to share and discuss their answers for each text.

After the discussion, allow them to add to their entries.

**Notes:**

Link to "The Art of Swaying a Hostile Crowd: Mark Antony's Funeral Oration"

http://www1.umassd.edu/corridors/secondessay257.html

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Ability to use and credit sources appropriately.

**SHORT CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE**

10-15 minutes

Define "plagiarism" and list ways to avoid it.

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**

Provides accurate definition

Lists several appropriate strategies

**Instructional Strategies:**

Discuss respect for others work to assemble evidence and create texts.

Discuss academic penalties for stealing others thoughts and words.

Show the short video "Purdue OWL: MLA Formatting--The Basics" located on Purdue Online Writing Lab's website.
Transition to Writing

**Bridging:** Ability to begin linking reading results to writing task.

**List**

Prioritizing and Narrowing Information: Choose three rhetorical techniques that Antony uses in his speech. List an example of each and explain how Antony uses this technique to effective sway, or persuade, his audience.

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Chart is thorough and complete.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Discussion-based strategies, such as seminar.
Small group discussion using question.

**Notes**

In your Writer's Notebook, evaluate the example of student work using the rubric provided.

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Students have the ability to explain if and how the example meets the criteria of the rubric.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Assign groups one category of the rubric on which to focus their evaluation.
Discuss as a class what score the example receives in each category of the rubric.

**Notes:**
You may choose a student example from previous classes.

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**Writing Process**

**Controlling Idea:** Ability to establish a controlling idea and consolidate information relevant to task.
SHORT CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE  
30-40 minutes

Write an opening paragraph that includes a controlling idea and sequences the key points you plan to make in your composition.

Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):
Writes a concise summary statement or draft opening.
Provides direct answer to main prompt requirements.
Establishes a controlling idea.
Identifies key points that support development of argument.

Instructional Strategies:
Offer several examples of opening paragraphs by taking students through the introduction slides of the Introduction & Conclusions powerpoint.
Ask class to discuss what makes them strong or weak.
Review the list that students created earlier to identify needed elements (from Cluster 1, skill 2).
Instruct students to submit their drafts for approval prior to moving on to outlining.

Accommodations and Interventions:
Provide a thesis statement template for struggling writers.

PLANNING: Ability to develop a line of thought and text structure appropriate to an information/explanation task.

OUTLINE  
60-75 minutes

Create an outline based on your notes and reading in which you state your claim, sequence your points, and note your supporting evidence.

Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):
Creates an outline or organizer.
Supports controlling idea. Uses evidence from texts read earlier.

Instructional Strategies:
Explain the parts of a paragraph using the "Parts of a Paragraph" Powerpoint.
Provide and teach one or more examples of outlines or organizers. There is an outline template in the Writer’s Notebook available for student use.
Invite students to generate questions in pairs about how the format works, and then take and answer questions.
**DEVELOPMENT:** Ability to construct an initial draft with an emerging line of thought and structure.

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<td>Write an initial draft complete with opening, development, and closing; insert and cite textual evidence.</td>
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**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Provides complete draft with all parts.
Supports the opening in the later sections with evidence and citations.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Encourage students to re-read prompt partway through writing, to check that they are on track.
Collect all drafts and give feedback to be used the following class period during the revision process.

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**REVISION:** Ability to refine text, including line of thought, language usage, and tone as appropriate to audience and purpose.

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<td>Refine compositions analysis, logic, and organization of ideas/points. Use textual evidence carefully, with accurate citations. Decide what to include and what not to include.</td>
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**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Provides complete draft with all parts.
Supports the opening in the later sections with evidence and citations.
Improves earlier edition.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Sample useful feedback that balances support for strengths and clarity about weaknesses.
Assign students to provide each other with feedback on those issues using the peer review questions included in their Writer’s Notebooks.

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**EDITING:** Ability to proofread and format a piece to make it more effective.

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<td>Revise draft to have sound spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar. Adjust formatting as needed to provide clear, appealing text.</td>
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**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Provides draft free from distracting surface errors.
Uses format that supports purpose.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Briefly review selected skills that many students need to improve.
Teach a short list of proofreading marks.
Assign students to proofread each others texts a second time. Provide an Editing Checklist to guide them through the editing process.

**COMPLETION:** Ability to submit final piece that meets expectations.

**LONG CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE**

2-3 class periods

Based upon the feedback you have received from your teacher and peers, revise your first draft. Pay attention to the highlighted portions of your essay. Print a final copy.

**Scoring Guide (Work Meets Expectations If):**
Fits the Meets Expectations category in the rubric for the teaching task.

**Instructional Strategies:**
Uploaded Files

- **Persuasive Techniques in Julius Caesar Writer’s Notebook.docx**
  - [Link](http://literacybytechnology.s3.amazonaws.com/teacherresourceuploads/39419/909340430_Apr_30_2014_213241471.docx)
  
  Writer’s Notebook--this document will be used throughout the module to record students’ notes, analysis, and planning.

- **Introductions and Conclusions Antony’s Funeral Speech.pptx**
  - [Link](http://literacybytechnology.s3.amazonaws.com/teacherresourceuploads/39419/1099075810_Apr_30_2014_21340027.pptx)
  
  Introduction & Conclusion Powerpoint--provides students with a step by step procedure for how to write intros and conclusions, including examples.

- **The Parts of a Paragraph Antony’s Funeral Speech.pptx**
  - [Link](http://literacybytechnology.s3.amazonaws.com/teacherresourceuploads/39419/1385382865_Apr_30_2014_213449355.pptx)
  
  Provides students with a description of the components they will need to include in their paragraphs along with examples.

- **TRAPP.pdf**
  - [Link](http://literacybytechnology.s3.amazonaws.com/teacherresourceuploads/39419/401900729_Apr_30_2014_213534317.pdf)
  
  Provides students with a set of questions to use when evaluating sources.

- **Editing Checklist.docx**
  - [Link](http://literacybytechnology.s3.amazonaws.com/teacherresourceuploads/39419/354519376_Apr_30_2014_213708833.docx)
  
  Provides students with an editing checklist to use during the revision and editing phases of developing their essay.

Keywords

Links*

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Other Resources

- **Julius Caesar**
Shakespeare's classic political drama based on the death of Roman leader Julius Caesar

The Art of Swaying a Hostile Crowd: Marc Antony's Funeral Oration
an analysis of Mark Antony's funeral speech in "Julius Caesar"
## Section 4: What Results?

### Classroom Assessment Rubric

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### Classroom Assessment Task

No Classroom Assessment Task for this module

### Exemplar Work

**Uploaded Files**

- **Not Yet 1.pdf** (Not Yet)

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- **Not Yet 2.pdf** (Not Yet)

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- **Approaches 1.pdf** (Approaches Expectations)
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