

## ***Rhetorical Précis Template with Samples***

### **Sentence One:**

In his/her \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(type of work) (title of work)  
author \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name of author) (rhetorically accurate verb)  
that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(author's assertion, argument, position, etc...)

***"In chapter one of his novel The Light in the Forest, Conrad Richter insinuates that children suffer the most when adults fight."***

### **Sentence Two:**

\_\_\_\_\_ develops/support this \_\_\_\_\_  
(last name) (noun form of Rh Acc Verb)  
by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(reveal author's technique)

***"Richter develops this insinuation by contrasting Cuyloga's adoption and later rejection of True Son when the white army demands the return of all white prisoners."***

### Sentence Three:

\_\_\_\_\_ 's purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(author) (reveal author's purpose)

in order to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(what author wants reading audience to react to, feel, and/or do)

***"Richter's purpose in chapter one is to reveal True Son's conflicting emotions in order to expose the effect that betrayal by adults has upon children."***

### Sentence Four:

\_\_\_\_\_ uses \_\_\_\_\_.  
(author) (description of tone)

with his \_\_\_\_\_.  
(describe author's audience)

***"Richter employs an angry and betrayed tone to appeal to those readers who can sympathize with True Son's feelings of painful rejection."***

## **Finished Précis**

**In chapter one of his novel *The Light in the Forest*, Conrad Richter insinuates that children suffer the most when adults fight. Richter develops this insinuation by contrasting Cuyloga's adoption and later rejection of True Son when the white army demands the return of all white prisoners. Richter's purpose in chapter one is to reveal True Son's conflicting emotions in order to expose the effect that betrayal by adults has upon children. Richter employs an angry and betrayed tone to appeal to those readers who can sympathize with True Son's feelings of painful rejection.**