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AP Composition

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*The Rhetorical Situation* Assignment

While you are reading Bitzer’s piece entitled, *The Rhetorical Situation*, your job is to search for deeper meaning of the text. As your first large reading, I understand that this can be a bit of a doozy; however, the author makes some extremely valid points that will help us to understand the purpose of rhetoric.

**Your Assignment**

* After you have annotated *The Rhetorical Situation*, you will need to write a reflection log (about a page length) that discusses:
	+ What the author is saying
	+ How he is saying this
	+ Your thoughts on the subject
	+ Items that you still don’t understand that well
* Next, you are required to find a speech/essay that fits Bitzer’s definition of a rhetorical situation
	+ You then need to reflect (about another page) on the key elements that make this a rhetorical situation
		- What is its appeal?
		- To whom does it appeal?
		- How does the audience affect this piece?
	+ Try to give examples of the ethos, logos, and pathos of the piece

**This assignment is due next class**