

James McBride used rhetorical tools or stylistic tools to develop

Look especially at McBride's use of organization, imagery, sentence structure (or punctuation) and word choice. Think about how those elements are connected to character development, impact on the audience, or author's purpose (message to audience or theme.) Give specific examples from the text to support your points.

A sample beginning might state that *James McBride uses* _____ , _____ , *and* _____ *in order to*

_____ (help the audience relate to _____ (a specific part of) his story to help the reader understand _____

_____ show the reader his/his mother's emotions in order to help the reader understand _____

_____ make the message _____ evident by _____

**This is a limited list of examples and may not reflect what you choose to write about

In the rest of the essay you will prove that McBride does what you say he does with his writing, by giving examples from his writing. You may connect your essay to

- a) your reaction to the book or its characters,
- b) to what you believe are the themes of the book, OR
- c) to the author's purpose for writing the book.

ASSESSMENT: using the AP rubric for analysis; I'll look for organization, whether you have a main point, whether you support your main point with compelling evidence. It will not be graded for spelling or punctuation (except in cases where you lose the reader or stop making sense.)

STEPS

Step 1: decide on author's theme or message to the audience

Step 2: Choose (2 or more) sections from the text that support the message you identified

Step 3: Analyze the sections you've chosen, looking at rhetorical or stylistic elements McBride uses (think about how we analyzed the first two paragraphs in class.

Step 4: Plan, organize your ideas, write your paper

REQUIREMENTS:

1. 1.5 or double-spaced (typed)
2. Title: Color of Water Rhetorical Analysis
3. Thesis statement (AKA topic sentence)
4. No fewer than 3 supporting paragraphs with evidence from the text identified and explained/analyzed.
5. Direct quotes from text: make sure you include parenthetical citations with just the page number.
6. Conclusion
7. Heading
8. Turned in to turnitin.com