

## PROMPT EXPLORATION

- A thesis statement for rhetorical analysis is made up of two parts: **author's purpose** and **rhetorical choices**.
- You need to be specific. Avoid statements like "to convey his message." That is restating prompt information. Rather, be specific about what his message is.
- You MUST provide a line of reasoning. Identify the rhetorical choices you would write about and organize your way in a rational sequential manner

### Prompt (SAT) Examples:

*Highlight in yellow what the prompt is asking you to do.*

John Boyega, an actor best known for playing Finn in the new Star Wars installments, gave an impromptu speech during the George Floyd protest of police brutality in London on June 3, 2020.

Read the passage carefully. Then, write an essay that analyzes the rhetorical choices Boyega makes to convey his argument that change is necessary and attainable through joint effort.

OR

As you read the passage below, consider how Boyega uses

- evidence, such as facts or examples, to support claims.
- reasoning to develop ideas and to connect claims and evidence.
- stylistic or persuasive elements, such as word choice or appeals to emotion, to add power to the ideas expressed

Both prompts ask you to

1. Identify \_\_\_\_\_ of the author
2. Analyze how the \_\_\_\_\_ further the author's \_\_\_\_\_

### **Thesis Stem:**

(Author's Last Name) + (strong verb that implies usage -ex: employs, utilizes, etc.) + (rhetorical choices you will be exploring WITHOUT LISTING) to (purpose + claim)