



Dr. Stapleton W233 Rhetorical Analysis: Assigned Topic

Before you hunker down into your work site for the term, you should practice analyzing the type of article you'll be using. To that end, we'll all practice on this vintage essay from *The New Republic* (October 1960) by James McGregor Burns that I've attached. You may recognize the problem or issue he tries to investigate. As it happens, this will be a longer version of the type of annotated bibliography entry you'll be creating.

✚ Give us an introduction that includes the author, title, and any background information you can find

out about the author or the publication.

- ✚ Summarize the article as accurately as you can.
- ✚ Explain the writer's strategies in getting his point across to his audience.
- ✚ Choose the article's most memorable, quotable phrases and explain how the author uses them to make his point.
- ✚ This should be 2-3 pp., double-spaced. Create a Works Cited entry for the article, and include any other source material you need to consult. Use the proper format of in-text citations. See Ballenger on citing sources in an essay, MLA style (*Curious Researcher* 231) and APA style (297).
- ✚ See Ballenger on reading rhetorically (46-48) and on paraphrase, quotation, and summary (106-114).

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