

# Assignments for *Reading Rhetorically* For LinC 101 S “Water in a Thirsty World”

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To be completed in your journal:

## Chapter 1

pg 2: Define **reading rhetorically**.

pg 4: What are the two goals of college courses? Which is scarier to you?

pg 7: Do “On your own” #2

pg 9: In Aristotle’s definition, what is it that is **available**? Write a brief paragraph explaining what this means to you.

pg 10: Apply the questions to *Old Man River* by I. Asimov.

## Chapter 2

pg 18: List flaws for which writing is a remedy. What flaws would you like your writing to cure?

pg 27: List questions that help you discover your purpose. Apply them to your “Water + Major” paper.

pg 32: Rank the “Typical Reading-Based Assignments” according to your view of their difficulty. Explain your rankings.

## Chapter 3

pg 41: What background questions would help you understand my essay on Rio Diving?

pg 47: What words are **Organizational Signals**?

pg 53: For Writing and Discussion: analyze the article “Thirst in Kenya” from *National Geographic*.

pg 56: Apply **Says/Does** to *Old Man River*.

Apply **Says/Does** to the Table 3.1! Use verbs in the table on pg 57.

pg 59: What is a rhetorical précis and what are its components? Compare the items in Box 3.1 to those in Box 3.3.

## Chapter 4

pg 70: What questions on pg 10 are related to Aristotle’s appeals?

pg 73: Compare the components of the Toulmin method with the components of the *Logos* listed on pages 73-74.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toulmin\\_method](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toulmin_method)

pg 73: Apply the list of questions to *Old Man River* by I. Asimov.

pg 89: Play the believing/doubting game using *Old Man River*.

## Chapter 5

pg 105: Apply the Questions Analysis to your “Water + Major” paper. Use at least three of the eight tips on your paper—explain what you did and how it helped you write the paper.

## **Chapter 6**

Look at the first draft of your “Favorite Bottled Water” paper. Examine it critically:

Pg 120: How much passive writing does it contain? How much active writing?

Pg 123: Which components of the Structure (Box) apply to your “Favorite Bottled Water” paper?

Pg 133: In your first draft, find an example of inadequate paraphrasing. How did you correct it in the final draft?

Pg 143: In your first draft, find an example of an inline citation. Does it conform to MLA standards? If it doesn't, how did you correct it in the final draft.

Pg 145: How many citations are there in Jack's paper on corn-based ethanol? Choose three citations (of different types) and explain how each one conforms to MLA standards.

## **Appendix**

Pg 161: What is the structure of a citation for a newspaper article?

Pg 166: What is the recommended way to cite sources from the web?

What is a container in MLA citations? What do containers have in common amongs MLA citations? Show examples of an MLA citation (taken from the Appendix) for three different containers.