

Rhetorical Synthesis Worksheet

How many of these can you answer without reading the passage?

Passages are given after

Q1. The student wants to **emphasize the differences between the two lighting techniques**.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal? Choose 1 answer:

- a) High-key and low-key lighting are both important techniques in cinematography that can guide the viewer's attention to specific areas of the frame.
- b) High-key lighting and low-key lighting are used across various film genres to reinforce the tone of the narrative, as lighting can accentuate the tension, suspense, or even cheerfulness of a given scene.
- c) High-key lighting, which involves raising the fill light to near the same level as the key light, is often used in comedies and musicals to create a cheerful mood.
- d) While high-key lighting creates the bright, low-contrast look often seen in comedies and musicals, low-key lighting produces the strong shadows and contrast seen in mysteries, thrillers, and noirs.

Q2. The student wants to **specify the number of gray wolves** in Yellowstone.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal? Choose 1 answer:

- a) As of 1995, there were gray wolves living in Yellowstone, a national park in the northwest United States.
- b) Yellowstone is a national park that has roughly 100 gray wolves living in it.
- c) The carrying capacity of an environment, such as Yellowstone, describes the maximum number of species that the environment can sustain over time.
- d) Gray wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone, a national park in the northwest United States, in 1995.

Q3. The student wants to present the significance of the Hart-Celler Act **to an audience unfamiliar with the history of US immigration**.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal? Choose 1 answer:

- a) Almost 70% of slots were reserved for immigrants from Great Britain, Ireland, and Germany at the time the Hart-Celler Act was proposed.
- b) Prior to the Hart-Celler Act, new immigration quotas were based on how many people from each country lived in the US in 1890.
- c) The quota system in place in the early 1960s was abolished by the 1965 Hart-Celler Act.
- d) The 1965 Hart-Celler Act abolished the national-origins quota system, which favored immigrants from northern Europe.

Q4. The student wants to emphasize **Wu's most well-known achievement**.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal? Choose 1 answer:

- a) Among her many achievements, prominent American flutist Annie Wu graduated from the New England Conservatory and has won multiple national flute competitions.

- b) Composer Greg Pattillo's original work *Three Beats for Beatbox Flute* combines flute playing and beatboxing.
- c) Annie Wu is best known for a 2011 YouTube video performance of *Three Beats for Beatbox Flute* that has been viewed over two million times.
- d) Annie Wu, who has won multiple national flute competitions, has also combined flute playing and beatboxing.

Passages

1 While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- High-key lighting and low-key lighting are two styles of lighting used in film, television, and photography.
- In high-key lighting, the fill light (or secondary light) is raised to near the same level as the key light (or primary light), producing a low-contrast look.
- High-key lighting is often used in comedies and musicals to create a bright, cheerful mood.
- Low-key lighting is a style that uses a hard source of light to create strong shadows and contrast.
- In low-key lighting, the key light is often the only source of illumination, with fill lights used sparingly or not at all.
- Low-key lighting is commonly used in mysteries, thrillers, and film noir to create a sense of tension or suspense.

2 While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- Yellowstone is a national park in the northwest United States.
- In 1995, gray wolves were reintroduced into the park.
- Since then, the number of gray wolves in the park has stabilized at roughly 100.
- This number is believed to be the park's carrying capacity.
- Carrying capacity describes the maximum number of a species that a specific environment's resources can sustain over time.

3 While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- In the early 1960s, the US had a strict national-origins quota system for immigrants.
- The number of new immigrants allowed from a country each year was based on how many people from that country lived in the US in 1890.
- This system favored immigrants from northern Europe.
- Almost 70% of slots were reserved for immigrants from Great Britain, Ireland, and Germany.
- The 1965 Hart-Celler Act abolished the national-origins quota system.

4 While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- Annie Wu is a prominent American flutist who graduated from the New England Conservatory.
- She has won multiple national flute competitions.
- She is best known for a 2011 YouTube video that has been viewed over two million times.
- The video shows her performing *Three Beats for Beatbox Flute*, an original work by composer Greg Pattillo.
- Wu combines flute playing and beatboxing in the video.

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