

## Four-Sentence Rhetorical Précis Frame

1. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, in his/her  
*(author's credentials—optional)*      *(author's first and last name)*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), argues (or  
*(genre)*      *(title of text; date in parentheses)*

some other appropriate verb) that \_\_\_\_\_  
*(major assertion of author's text)*

2. She/he supports her/his claim by first \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, and finally \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_'s purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_  
*(author's last name)*      *(purpose)*

\_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_  
*(to accomplish what?)*

4. She/he \_\_\_\_\_ a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ tone for  
*(verb: adopts, establishes, creates, etc.)*      *(tone)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(intended audience).*