**Rhetorical Analysis Outline**

**Author/Speaker:**

**What is the context of this speech?**

**What is the PURPOSE of this speech? (This is a bit trickier than you might think…)**

**The rhetorical devices that most effectively communicate this purpose are:**

**Thesis statement: (Purpose is important here…)**

**Name your first rhetorical device:**

**Give examples of this device from the text (either paraphrased or quoted):**

**Explain WHY or HOW this device helps to communicate Reagan’s purpose:**

**Name your second rhetorical device:**

**Give examples of this device from the text (either paraphrased or quoted):**

**Explain WHY or HOW this device helps to communicate Reagan’s purpose:**

**OPTIONAL….Name your third rhetorical device:**

**Give examples of this device from the text (either paraphrased or quoted):**

**Explain WHY or HOW this device helps to communicate Reagan’s purpose:**

**Now…to earn the sophistication point…WHY DOES THIS MATTER? (Make a “big picture” connection)**