

## **RHETORICAL ANALYSIS**

### **“DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE”**

For items 4-9 below, cite specific CD’s for each of the rhetorical elements listed. Then write CM to show how each helps Jefferson accomplish his purpose. Use CD’s only from the first two paragraphs of the Declaration.

1. Define the thesis
2. Define the premises upon which he bases his argument. Limit to the first two paragraphs.
3. Trace his argument from the premises, step by step, from the opening of the document to the thesis. Limit to the first two paragraphs.
4. Diction: 2 specific words
5. Syntax: parallel structure: 2 sentences or parts of 2 sentences
6. Pathos
7. Logos
8. Ethos
9. Cite and explain one rhetorical fallacy

Note: remember that parallel structure refers to sentences or parts of sentences sharing the same structure.