Research Paper Guidelines/Format

3-5 pages (approximately 5 – 7 paragraphs)

4 sources (1 primary (the speech) and 3 secondary)

4 Source Cards

Note cards (at least 9-15 depending on paper length)

\*\*\*you should have more note cards for your primary source since you are analyzing the primary source for rhetoric.

**Format (suggested)**

Introduction (think Précis) – You can use information from secondary sources to introduce your speaker and the

speaker’s background. What is the author’s overarching purpose in this speech?

1st body paragraph – Introduce the historical context of the work – info about the civil war, what events occurred around the time the speech was presented, who was the audience (or who would have been his/her target audience)

2nd body paragraph – What is one primary purpose the speaker hopes to achieve? What rhetoric (rhetorical devices) does the speaker use to achieve his/her goal? What effects does the rhetoric have on his audience (or what effect does the author hope to have on the audience?)

3rd body paragraph - What is another primary purpose the speaker hopes to achieve? What rhetoric does the speaker use to achieve his/her goal? What effects does the rhetoric have on his audience (or what effect does the author hope to have on the audience?)

4th – You can identify another purpose or close with a conclusion

\*\*\*\* your rhetorical analysis should incorporate multiple rhetorical devices in one paragraph. i.e. your paragraphs that analyze the rhetorical devices should analyze several rhetorical devices in one paragraph. The devices are used to explain how the writer achieves his/her purpose and the effects the rhetoric has on the audience.