

How to Write a Rationale for the IB

Short and sweet...

Paragraph 1: what were you trying to do (tone, purpose, audience to reach?)

Paragraph 2: How did you try to do that...give examples from your piece.

Paragraph 3: How did you connect to your topic option?

Example--

I wrote an opinion column about the Bush presidency for a high level newspaper in the States. It was written with an ironic tone and hopes to address an intellectual audience of adults.

In my article I tried to use adult humor and verbal irony with phrase like " _____ " and " _____ ". I tried as well to use a sophisticated level of vocabulary with word choices like " _____ " and " _____ " finally I tried to use complex structures like one might see in a higher level publication such as The New York Times with sentences like " _____ " and " _____ ". Using these elements I feel I reached my purpose set out in the task.

This task addresses the topic option of Media and Culture and specially addresses the topic of the abuse of power. I chose an opinion article to do this because I felt that in this way I could best express what I learned from the topics we studied in this unit and how I feel about them.