

# **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English Writing Focus**

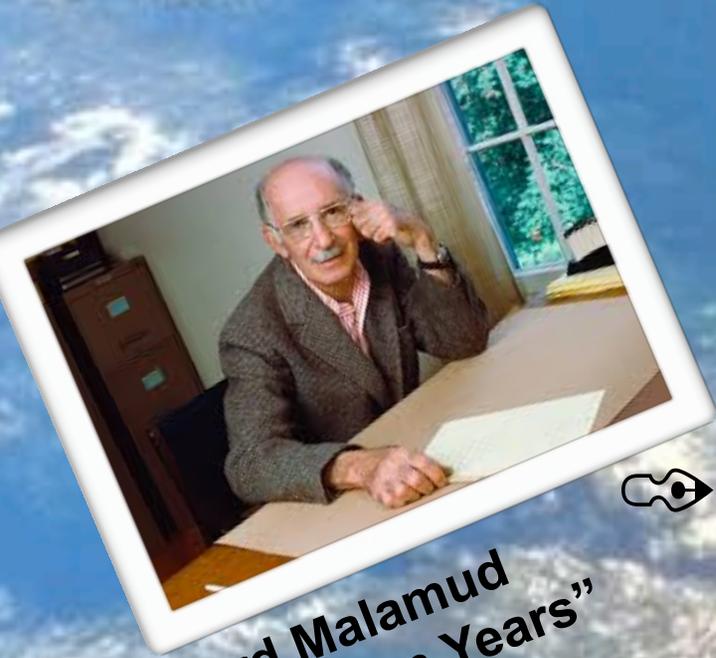
## **Part 1: Elements of Writing and Quality Writing Overview**

# Elements of Writing

## • Content —

👁️ The ideas, concepts, facts, issues, points, opinions, support, proofs etc. in an essay.

👁️ The best content is the strongest points to argue the writer's stance and influence the reader



Bernard Malamud  
"The First Seven Years"

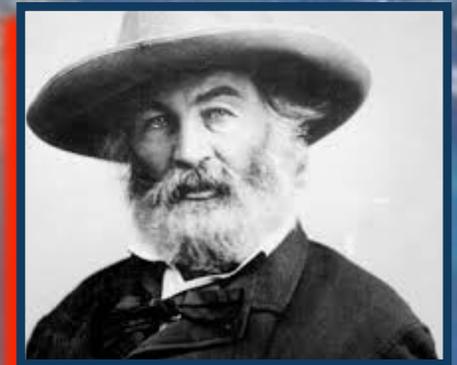
# Elements of Writing

## • Style —

- The methods a writer uses to present the content
- Methods should express the author's individuality, idea, and intent
- The best style nearly approximates the perfect adaptation of a writer's language to his/her ideas



Langston Hughes,  
"Dream Variations"



Walt Whitman  
"I Hear America Singing"

# Elements of Writing

- **Organization —**

- **The order of ideas and supporting statements**
- **The best order allows readers to follow ideas and supports easily**



# Elements of Writing

- **Conventions —**

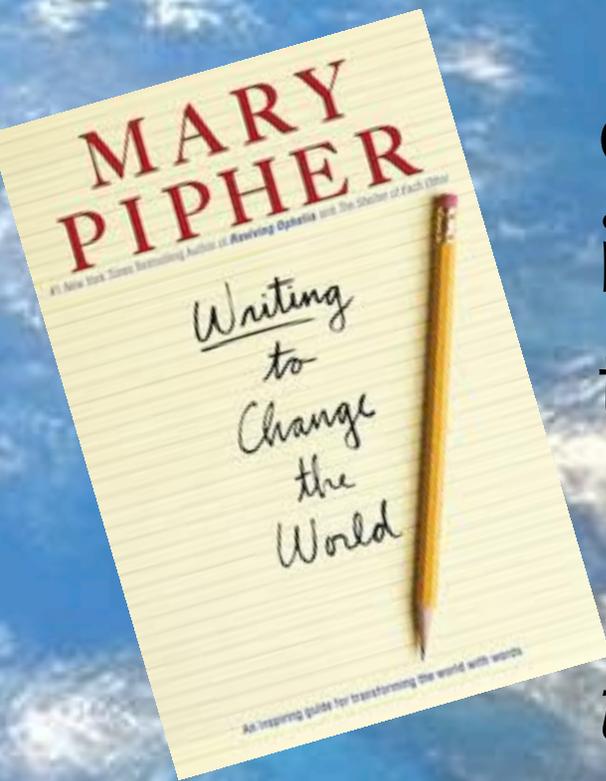
- **Grammar, spelling, mechanics, punctuation, usage, paragraphing, sentence formation**
- **The best use of conventions is to use each correctly**
- **If conventions are incorrect, the reader becomes distracted from the intent and meaning**

# Writing Overview

- **Quality Writing —**

“...facilitates the making of connections in a way that inspires openheartedness, thinking, talking, and action.”

—*from Mary Pipher’s Writing to Change the World*



# Writing Overview

- **Quality Writing —**
  - ✓ Tells the truth,
  - ✓ Causes people to share what they read with others
  - ✓ Enlarges readers' frames of reference to help them perceive the world more accurately
  - ✓ Empowers readers to act for the good of all people

# Writing Overview

## Quality Writing —

“...calls for a variety of talents — storytelling skills, clarity, and the ability to connect. ... Skilled writers exercise creativity and conscious control. They labor to make the important interesting, and even compelling....”

—*from Mary Pipher’s  
Writing to Change the World*



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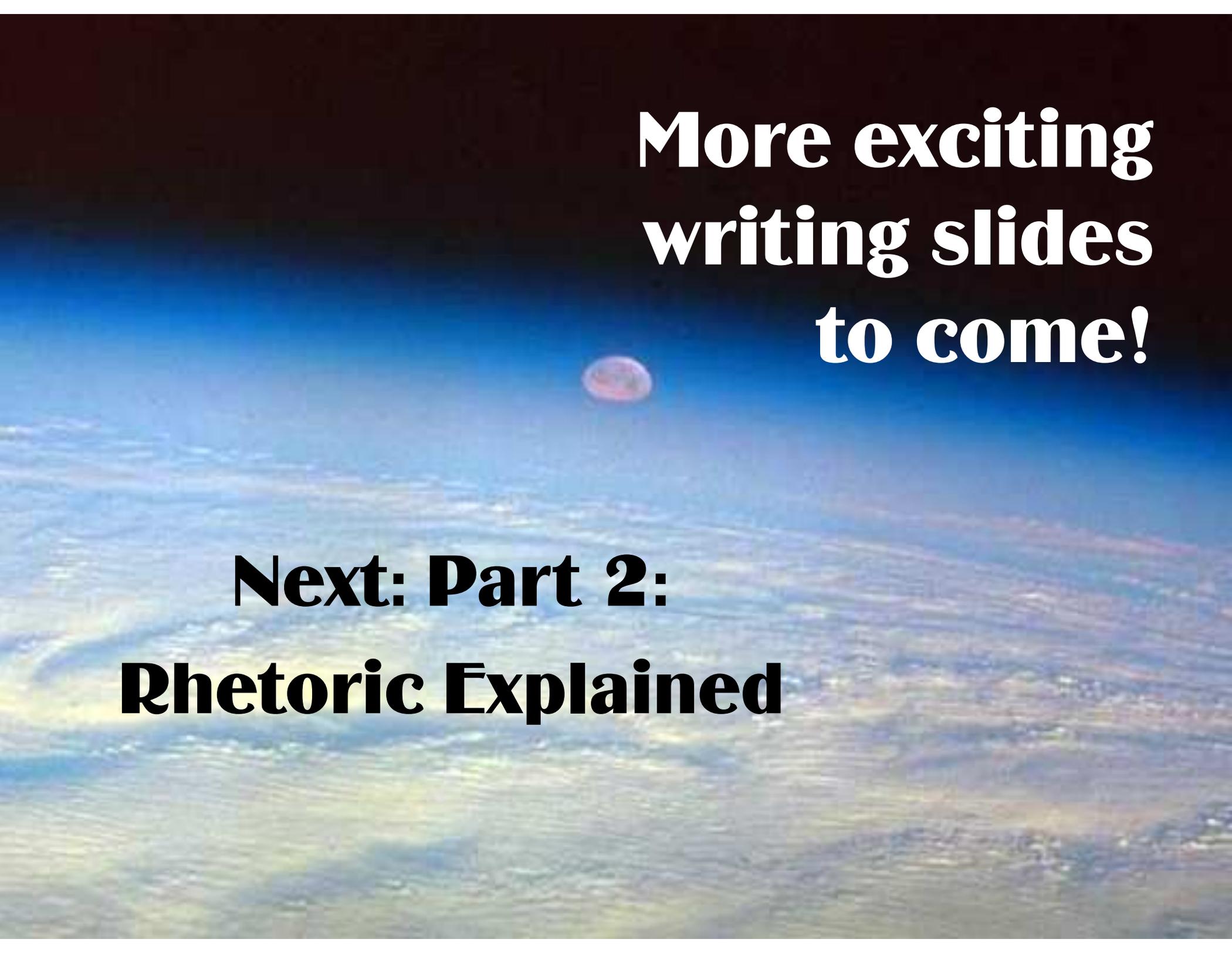


## Quality Writing –

- ✓ Is clear and effective.
- ✓ Stems from logical intent

**“Keep in mind that fuzzy thinking leads to fuzzy writing. With inner clarity, we present readers with reflective, honest work.”**

**—from Mary Pipher’s *Writing to Change the World***

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, showing a grid of streets and green spaces. In the upper center of the image, a small, reddish planet, resembling Mars, is visible in the blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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**Next: Part 2:  
Rhetoric Explained**