

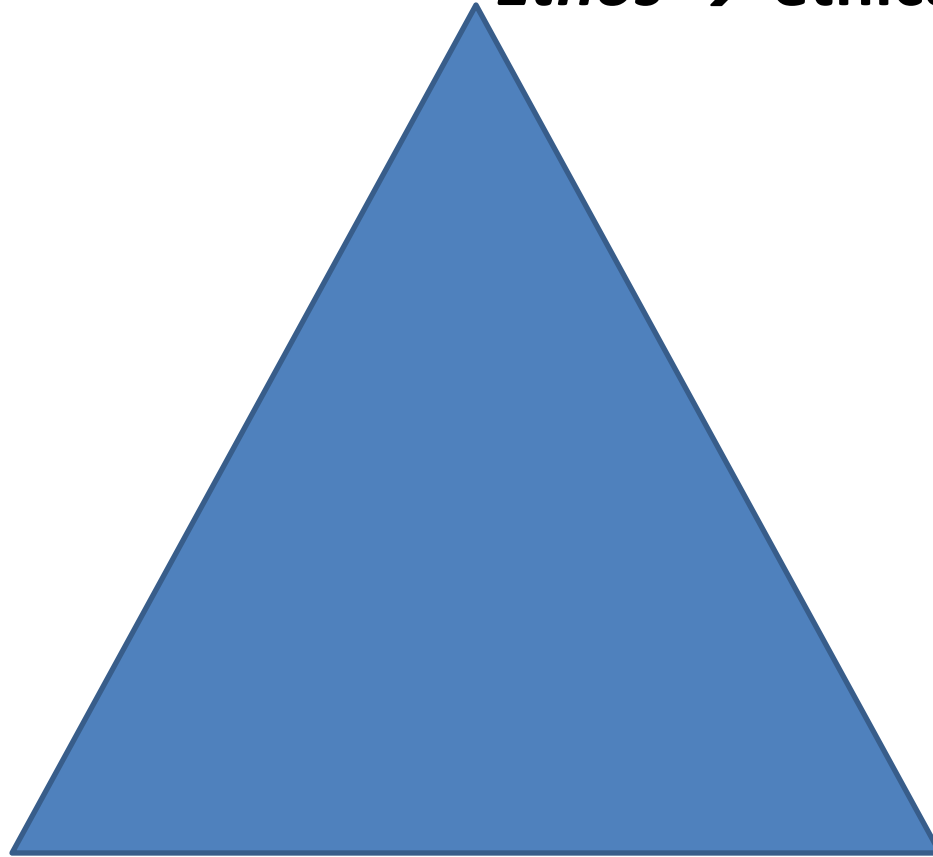
Persuasive Writing

***Teaching the Rhetorical Triangle
and Counter-Argument***

The Rhetorical Triangle

Ethos, Pathos, Logos

***Ethos* → ethical appeal**



***Pathos* → emotional appeal**

***Logos* → logical appeal**

Ethos



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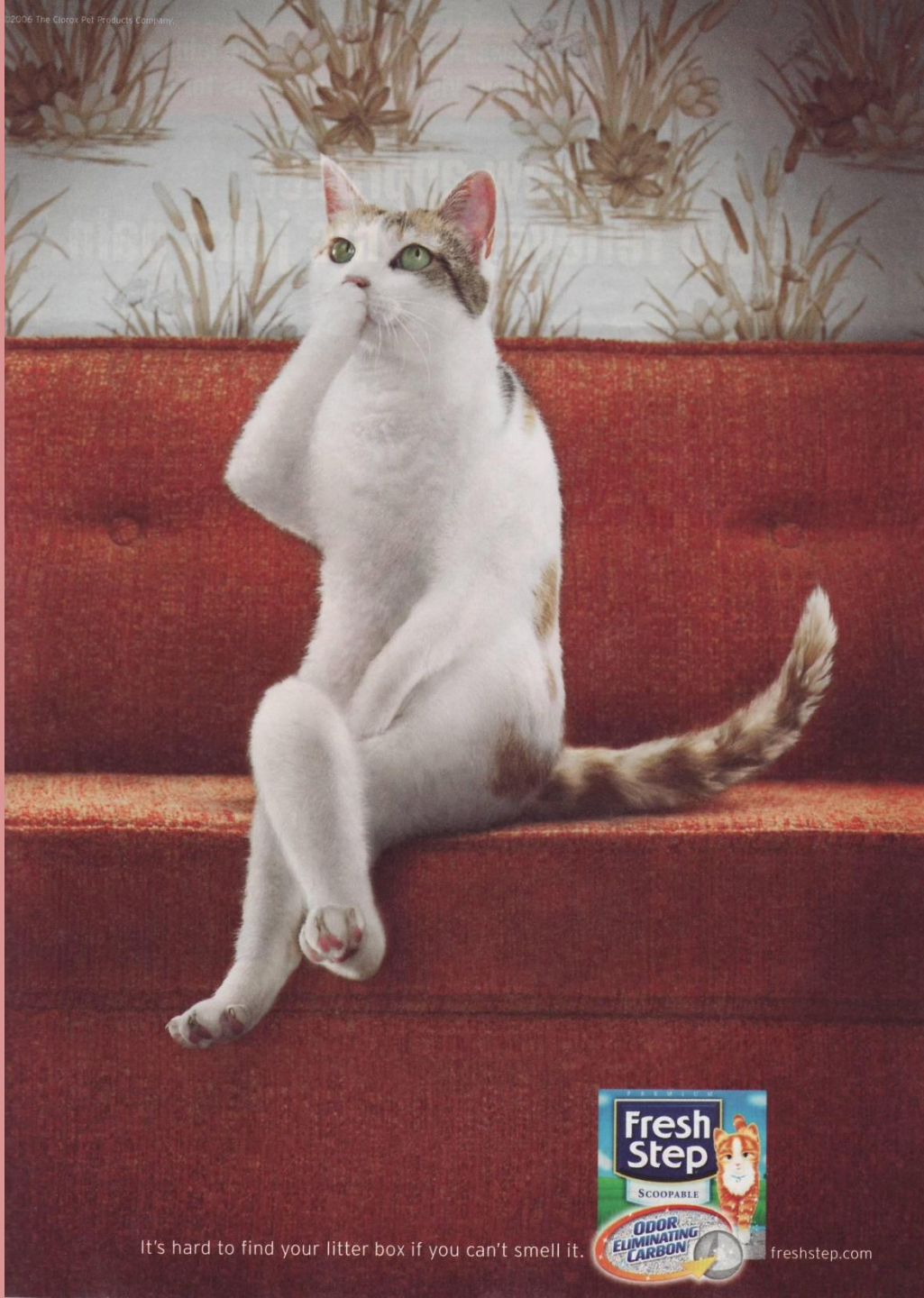


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**What are the rhetorical appeal(s)?
What details reinforce appeals?**



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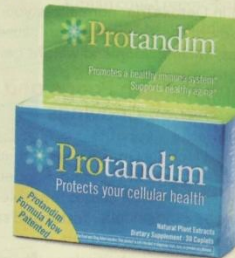
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1. Sally K. Nelson, et al., "The Induction of human superoxide dismutase and catalase in vivo: A fundamentally new approach to antioxidant therapy," *Free Radical Biology & Medicine* 40 (2006) 341-347.

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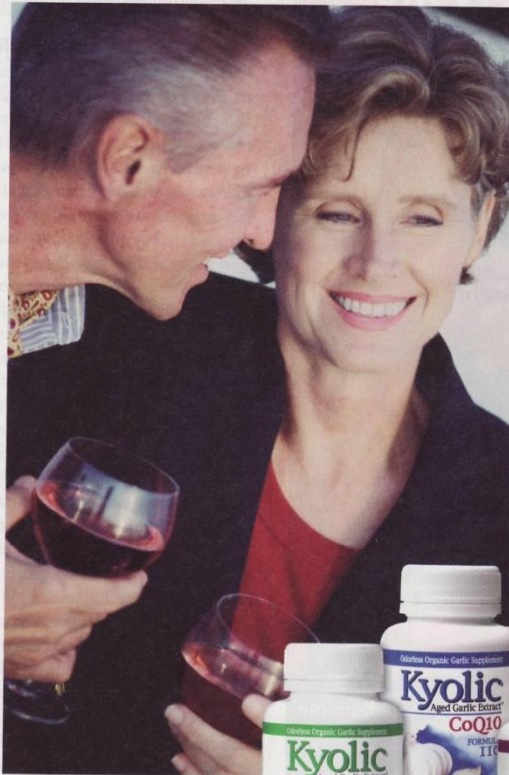


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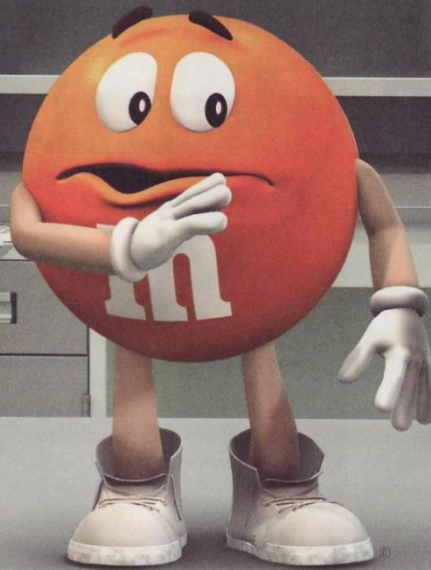
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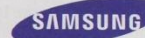
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Brainstorm ethos, logos, and pathos.

Writing Situation

Your grades have dropped, and your parents insist that you must quit your part-time job. Because you must make your own car payments, this decision means that you will not be able to keep your car. You are concerned that you will get upset if you try to talk to your parents. Instead, you decide to write them about the situation.

Directions for Writing

Write your parents a letter in which you try to convince them that you should be given another chance to improve your grades without giving up your job and car. Make your argument clear, complete, and convincing.

Sample Assignment

- **Assign a *rhetorical bouncer* for the class, and position this student at the door.**
- **Ask everyone else to remain outside, and explain that they will be given an audience and rhetorical task and that they must convince the bouncer to allow them entry to the classroom using logos, pathos and ethos.**
- **Bouncer draws a specific rhetorical appeal and does not allow student to enter until he or she has directly appealed to the bouncer using this strategy.**

The Rhetorical Bouncer

- Audience: Friend
- Subject: You need an alibi about where you have been.

- Audience: Parent
- Subject: You want to attend the Justin Bieber concert with your friends.

- Audience: Teacher
- Subject: You're asking to go to the bathroom but have used all your passes for the semester already.

- Audience: Highway Patrol Officer
- Subject: You have been stopped for speeding; you were travelling 45 MPH in a 35 MPH zone.

Sample Assignment

- **Have students bring magazines from home.**
- **Working in small groups, students select three ads, each using a different dominant rhetorical appeal.**
- **Students identify and explain details from ad that reinforce the appeal.**
- **Working in small groups, students find two ads for the same product/company that use different appeals.**
- **Students conjecture about how appeal is related to audience.**



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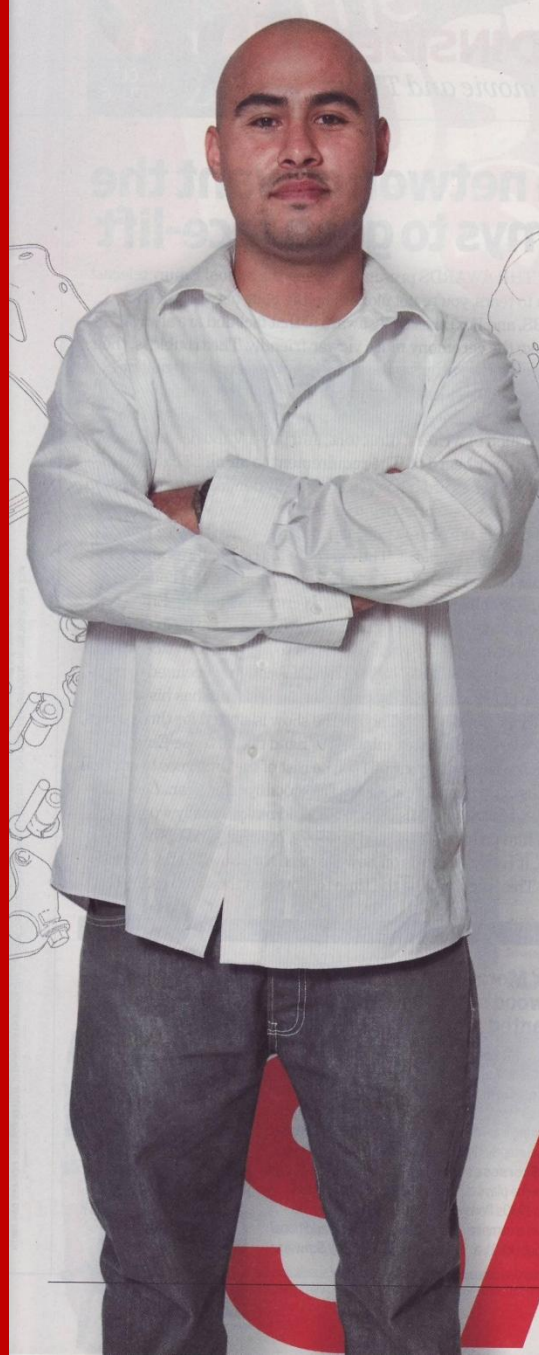
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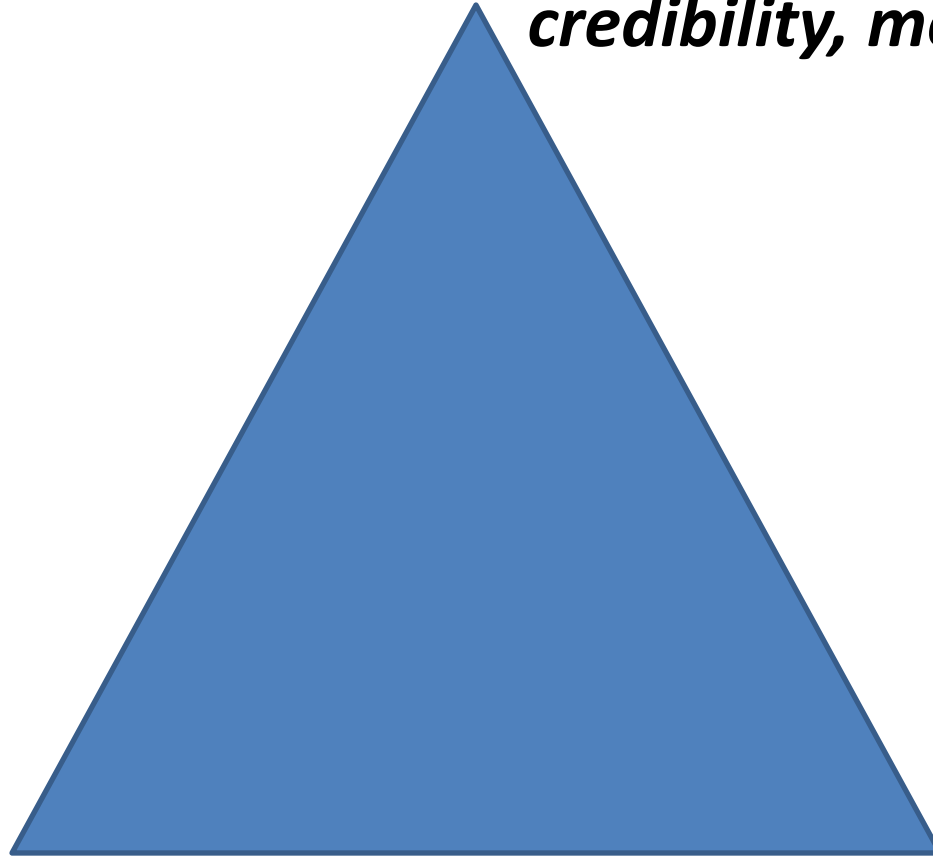
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The Rhetorical Triangle

Speaker, Audience, Subject

Speaker/Writer
credibility, morals, beliefs



Audience/Reader
Interests, biases, concerns

Subject/Position
argument, evidence, content

advertising to analyze in small groups

**Who is the target audience?
What are the rhetorical appeal(s)
used to convince this group?
Are they effective?**

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- **AUDIENCE AWARENESS and SPEAKER CREDIBILITY**
- **TONE and DICTION**
- **THESIS**

Complexity

grammatically complex, including an independent clause that states the writer's opinion and a dependent clause that reveals the reason for that opinion or the counter-argument (Although _____, _____.) (Because _____, _____.) (_____; however, _____.)

- *Clarity & Specificity*

directly addresses the topic or question; precisely declares or implies why you hold the opinion you have stated and provides reason or explanation for your perspective

Brainstorm speaker, audience, and argument. Consider thinking outside the box.

Writing Situation

At the present time, young Americans volunteer to enlist for military service. However, other countries already require that their citizens serve for a specific length of time (such as Israel, where men serve three years, women two). If the United States of America is to maintain its present military operations, some argue that more members of the armed forces may be necessary. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that all Americans, both men and women, should be required to serve in the military for two years?

Directions for Writing

Write a letter to an elected official or to your fellow Americans (addressing them through a letter to the editor of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* or the *Rockdale Citizen*) in which you persuade the reader to support your point of view. Support your position with specific reasons and examples.

Sample Assignment

- View two of your favorite television shows and the advertisements targeted toward specific consumers during the shows.
- Specifically describe the target audience, and explain what the show suggests about its target audience.
- Analyze the commercials broadcast during each show. What rhetorical strategies do the advertisers use to appeal to their target audience?
- Comparing the shows and the advertisements, assess how the media perceives you as an American teenager.

Counter- Argument

Opposition and Argument

Structuring an Argument with Counter-argument

- Body Paragraph 1: Present the OPPOSITION.
Certainly OR Granted, _____.
Give the opposing arguments full and fair presentation with evidence.
- Other Body Paragraph(s): Present elements of the ARGUMENT and refute the OPPOSITION.
However, _____.
Furthermore, _____.
In addition, _____.
Give each element of the argument (including specific rhetorical strategies) full explanation with evidence.
- Conclusion: Call the audience to action.
Therefore, _____.

Choose position.

Brainstorm opposition and counter-argument.

Writing Situation

With the development of space travel, living beyond the planet Earth has become a possibility. You are one of the people who have been chosen to colonize another planet. The planet is already supplied with the basics of food, clothing, and shelter. Each colonist can take one additional item, but all must agree on the items that each colonist brings. Decide what one item you want to take with you.

Directions for Writing

Write a speech to your fellow colonists that justifies your choice. By presenting a well-developed argument, convince them that your item should be taken to the new planet.

Choose position.

Brainstorm opposition and counter-argument.

Excerpt: *The media not only transmit information and culture, they also decide what information is important. In that way, they help to shape culture and values.*

—adapted from Alison Bernstein, "Artists Thrive on Freedom and Freedom Thrives on the Arts"

Assignment: Do newspapers, magazines, television, radio, movies, the Internet, and other media determine what is important to most people? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

Choose position; then, argue opposition.

Writing Situation

Because of dwindling economic resources and decreasing student scores on standardized tests, the Georgia Department of Education is considering eliminating sports programs in middle and high schools. The members of the state board of education are calling for Georgia citizens to share their positions about this issue before they make a decision. Reflect on the matter of whether sports programs should or should not be removed from public schools.

Directions for Writing

Write a letter to the Georgia Board of Education. Clearly express your position and include supporting evidence to convince board members to agree with your viewpoint.

Choose position; then, argue opposition.

Excerpt:

1. *Honesty is an important value in every relationship. Whether interacting with a friend, a roommate, a spouse, a parent, or another loved one, individuals expect others to be honest and feel betrayed when they are deceived.*

—Jennifer Gescheidler

2. *Deception can actually make it easier for people to get along. In a recent study, for example, one out of every four of the lies told by participants was told solely for the benefit of another person. In fact, most lies are harmless social untruths in which people pretend to like someone or something more than they actually do (“Your muffins are the best!”)*

—Allison Kornet

Assignment: Is deception ever justified? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

Sample Assignment

- **Present topic, and have class vote on initial position (with hands or clickers or movement around room).**
- **Group students according to position.**
- **Give groups task to generate position (with rhetorical strategies and evidence) and opposition (with evidence).**
- **Assign a timed essay—with a twist. Students are required to argue the opposite of their initial position.**