

Rhetorical Analysis Essay Peer Review—Refining your Process

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First Impression Questions—What should a college paper look like?

Skim your partner's paper quickly (for about five minutes), then answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the paper's thesis statement? Type it here and include the page number. If there isn't a clear thesis statement it is important to tell your partner it isn't clear and make a suggestion based on the organization of the paper! (If the paper is disorganized they need to know that too).

"While some may argue transgenderism is not a choice but an insurmountable feeling that can and should result in an appropriate transition, author and editor Scott Mckay argues transgenderism is a mental illness that should and needs to be treated (Transgenderism Is a Mental Illness)." pg 1

- 2) How does the paper cite sources of information? Does it include parenthetical citations and works cited? If not, explain what is missing. Provide a link or point them in the direction of a resource used in class.

The author provides parenthetical citations and quotes in addition to italicizing titles from articles.

- 3) Are there mechanical issues like misspellings, punctuation or grammar that distract the reader from understanding what the paper is about? List patterns here.

The sentence grammar is good and there are no spelling errors or bad punctuation. However, there is a lack of transitional phrases between sentences and paragraphs. It creates static transitions between sections of the paper.

Critical Analysis Questions

Now read your partner's paper thoroughly, and answer the questions below.

In your responses, help your partner assess how well they have addressed the Rhetorical Analysis Essay prompt and demonstrated understanding of rhetorical concepts and vocabulary.

- 1) How does the paper address the three major types of rhetorical appeals? Fill out this chart by listing the major appeals and noting for your partner how the paper did (or did not) address them. [The boxes in the table below will expand if you need more room—just keep typing].

Category of Appeal/Proof Find them in Canvas and give your friend the page titles to re-read where needed.	How does the paper identify an appeal in this category? (The paper might use specific vocabulary or explain the concept, etc.)	What example is included? Page #?	Does the paper explain the example?
1) Logos	The paper does not explain the concept of logos.	pg 2	"The author also builds credibility by using a medically backed study that is a direct result of the surgeries

			<p>which also</p> <p>contributes</p> <p>to logos</p> <p>showing how</p> <p>the transition</p> <p>can cause</p> <p>your body to</p> <p>"fight your</p> <p>own biology"</p> <p>instead of</p> <p>being the</p> <p>solution to</p> <p>not fully</p> <p>feeling like</p> <p>another</p> <p>gender</p> <p>(Mckay)."</p>
2) Ethos	The paper identifies ethos by using phrases like "builds credibility" for example.	pg 3	<p>"The author tries to use pathos and ethos to connect to viewers who may feel similarly about the medical field and expands</p>

			by mentioning the process of "endless consultations", prescriptions, and procedures" (Mckay). "
3) Pathos	Through examples from the articles, the writer explains how pathos appeals to the emotions of the audience.	pg. 3	"He uses pathos to appeal to those being affected by the medical decisions and uses this as a transition to compare being gay to being trans and to define gender in his eyes."

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- 2) The prompt emphasizes aspects of the rhetorical situation like context and timing. What rhetorical situation is explained in this paper?

The writer discusses how the article was written at a time where transgender issues weren't the main topic of debate. He states that if the author wanted to make full use of kairos, the article would have been released a few years earlier.

- 3) What did you think was the greatest strength of this paper?

The greatest strength of the paper is the paraphrasing. The solid paraphrases constantly remind the reader that the text comes from the article writer and enforces the points made by that writer instead of the analysis writer.

- 4) Now that you have thought through these questions, in what ways can you improve your own paper?

I will need to analyze the audience that my author wrote to more. The paper written by my peer discussed the political views of the audience and I've decided that it'd be beneficial for me to write about this as well.