Essay prompt: prompt#1: In Gorgias, Socrates makes a detailed argument against the use of rhetoric in communicating true knowledge. However, to what extent does he use rhetoric in his argument? Provide examples. **Does this help or detract from his argument?**

Answer to prompt: Socrates uses rhetoric to a great extent. This helps his argument.

Note:

1. Socrates’ argument: rhetoric should not be used to communicate true knowledge.

Brainstorming:

1. 3 examples of rhetorical appeals(reading journal )
2. 3 examples of Socratic irony(reading journal)
3. Socrates’ argument is that rhetoricians are not concerned with communicating true knowledge.
4. Socrates vs Aristotle:
5. S: Rhetoric can be used to do harm.

A: ANYTHING can be used to do harm.

S: Rhetoric conveys no true knowledge(pg15).

A: There are certain audiences who aren’t convinced by true knowledge. Rhetoric is necessary in dealing with these people.