

Rhetorical Appeals in an Argument



Use the matching sheet ID when checking answers.

Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

1. State the proposal.

Answer: extend school library hours

2. Which detail attempts to build credibility?

Look for:

- Connects expertise to credibility.

One possible response: The experienced librarian is cited.

3. Which detail offers numerical evidence?

Look for:

- Identifies the data and keeps its invented status.

One possible response: The invented count of 40 near-closing arrivals.

4. Which sentence appeals to feelings?

Look for:

- Identifies emotional framing.

One possible response: The imagined missed chance to finish a project.

5. What information is missing before judging the proposal?

Look for:

- Identifies relevant limitations.

One possible response: Costs, staffing, demand across more days and what counts as arrival.

6. Does naming the appeal prove the proposal is good? Explain.

Look for:

- Separates rhetorical identification from sound support.

One possible response: No. Appeals describe persuasion; the claim still needs adequate evidence.

Open responses use criteria and an illustrative response. Other well-supported responses can be acceptable.