

Rhetorical Appeals
“The Embassy to Achilles”

Names: _____

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is for you to gain experience in analyzing work and its effect based on its rhetoric.

Method: You will achieve this purpose by reading an excerpt from Book 9 of the *Iliad* and analyzing its effect based on the rhetorical appeals used within.

Details: This assignment is due at the end of class and is worth 20 points. You need only turn in one assignment per pair.

Procedure: You will work with an assigned partner and analyze Odysseus’s speech to Achilles in his attempt to get him to return to battle, lines 269- 371. Fill in the following chart by finding two examples of ethos, logos, and pathos and why you categorized it as such.

On your own paper, answer the three following questions based on your evidence from the chart below:
(You must write in complete sentences.)

Was this argument convincing?

Why didn’t it persuade Achilles to return to fight?

Which rhetorical appeals could have been improved to make Achilles want to return?

Rhetorical Device	Textual Excerpt	Reasoning
Pathos		
Logos		
Ethos		
Pathos		
Logos		
Ethos		

