



Argumentative Writing

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

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Part C: Short Answer

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Answer Key · Argumentative Writing · Grade: Grade 5

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Rewrite: **You should donate to the animal shelter because it cares for over 200 abandoned animals each year and relies on community support.**

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Rewrite: **Although a famous athlete endorses energy drinks, pediatricians warn that the high sugar and caffeine content can harm children's health.**

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Rewrite: **Our school needs a new gym because the current facility lacks proper ventilation and cannot safely hold all students during physical education classes.**

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. An appeal to **logos** uses facts, data, and logical reasoning to persuade the reader.
2. An appeal to **pathos** tries to convince the audience by stirring up their emotions.
3. When a writer uses their **credibility** or expertise to build trust, they are using an ethos appeal.
4. The strongest arguments combine logical reasoning with **specific** examples from real life.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Read: 'Nine out of ten dentists recommend brushing twice a day.' Is this an appeal to ethos, pathos, or logos? Explain why.

This is an appeal to ethos because it uses the authority and expertise of dentists to make the recommendation trustworthy and convincing.

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