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AC ELA

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization and analysis or relevant content.

Apologia

Apologia is an explanation or defense of one's actions. Apologias can admit guilt and regret. But the writer or speaker emphasizes why he/she did the action, or holds a particular belief.

Apologias are commonly practiced in both politics and public media relations. The result of an effective apologia is to mend a broken relationship. Eg. Kanye West wanted to mend his relationship with both Taylor Swift and his fans after the microphone stealing incident…

Although the apologia is a very old form of rhetoric, it’s still used frequently today. Apologia is derived from the root word apologos, which translates to “a story”. The Greek philosophers described apologia as a style of writing/speaking, where one can defend their actions against an accusation, earn vindication and regain acceptance.

Four characteristics of an effective apologia:

1. Short and focused.
2. Small amount of defense, very strong offense.
3. Large amount of effective reasoning in middle. (Ethos, Logos and Pathos)
4. Reuse and summarize previous arguments as final message.

\* Modified from Wikipedia

Let’s take a look at Lance Armstrong…

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1qf9TlFTl4>

RAFT Assignment

Using the RAFT Chart below, you will choose a role, audience, and topic. The format—an apologia—is chosen for you.

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| Role-who is speaking? | Yourself | Book character | Movie character | Person from real life |
| Audience-who is listening? | fans | family | public | Team or club |
| Format-Apologia |  |  |  |  |
| Topic-What is your apologia about? | Breaking the rules | Breaking the law | Thoughtless/careless behavior | Lack of effort |

The apologia will be assessed to the following requirements:

* Length must be 7-9 sentences
* Must offer a clear explanation/reasoning of one’s actions.
* Must use a balance of ethos, logos and pathos.
* Complete sentences and conventions.

Due Dates:

Brainstorming to determine Role, Audience and Topic……………………………………………………………………………………….Friday, 1.20.17

Rough Draft…………………………………………………………………………..Friday, 1.20.17

Peer Edit or Self Edit……………………………..…………………………Monday, 1.23.17

Final Version due…………………………………………………………………Tuesday, 1.24.17

Speeches……………………………………………………………………………….Tuesday and Wednesday 1.24.17 and 1.25.17

Example:

Here’s Ms. Fronk’s very rough draft… (I’ll keep working on it!)

Ariel’s Apologia to King Triton

Daddy, I need you to understand why I decided to disobey you by running away and becoming a human. I know you don’t approve of Prince Eric because he’s a human, but he is the reason I decided to run away. Through the loving eyes of a father, you saw that even as a tiny mermaid, I was fascinated by the human world. You may not know that I have been collecting human trinkets for a very long time. Scuttle has been an honest and trustworthy fish in our kingdom. He meant no disrespect towards you by helping me. He only wants what is best for all of us. When I first saw Prince Eric, it was without a doubt, love at first sight. Although Ursula had evil intentions and wanted to steal your power, she truly did help me become part of Eric’s world. And, thankfully everything worked out because now she’s defeated! Eric and I are married and I hope you can accept that I choose to remain human forever. Hopefully you can put the past behind and visit us often. Swim by the Royal ship or the Royal dock anytime!