

Rhetorical Analysis of the Marc Antony Speech: "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears", **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** (from *Julius Caesar*)

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;
 I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.
 The evil that men do lives after them;
 The good is oft interred with their bones;
 So let it be with Caesar. The noble Brutus
 Hath told you Caesar was ambitious:
 If it were so, it was a grievous fault,
 And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it.
 Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest—
 For Brutus is an honourable man;
 So are they all, all honourable men—
 Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.
 He was my friend, faithful and just to me:
 But Brutus says he was ambitious;
 And Brutus is an honourable man.
 He hath brought many captives home to Rome
 Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill:
 Did this in Caesar seem ambitious?
 When that the poor have cried, Caesar hath wept:
 Ambition should be made of sterner stuff:
 Yet Brutus says he was ambitious;
 And Brutus is an honourable man.
 You all did see that on the Lupercal
 I thrice presented him a kingly crown,
 Which he did thrice refuse: was this ambition?
 Yet Brutus says he was ambitious;
 And, sure, he is an honourable man.
 I speak not to disprove what Brutus spoke,
 But here I am to speak what I do know.
 You all did love him once, not without cause:
 What cause withholds you then, to mourn for him?
 O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,
 And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;
 My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,
 And I must pause till it come back to me.

PART I – S.O.A.P.S. Organizer

Who is the Speaker?

What is the Occasion?

Who is the Audience?

What is the Purpose?

What is the Subject?

PART II – Rhetorical Triangle Analysis

How and where does Marc Antony affect PATHOS in his audience? Quote an example.

How and where does Marc Antony construct the LOGOS in his message? Quote an example.

How and where does Marc Antony establish his credibility as a speaker (affecting ETHOS)? Quote an example.

PART III: Refer to your glossary of rhetorical terms and identify three that Marc Antony is employing to affect his message for his audience. Identify the rhetorical effect of the device. Then explain the purpose for the device.

Identify a Rhetorical Device	Affect of the Device? (Circle one)	Explain the PURPOSE for the use of the device
	ETHOS PATHOS LOGOS	
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PART IV: Compose a Rhetorical thesis statement:

What is Marc Antony persuading his audience to do or think in regards to the conspiracy behind Julius Caesar’s death and the conspiracy’s participants? How does Marc Antony persuade his audience through the use of devices to develop the persuasive effects of ethos, pathos, and logos?