

Activity 11: Thinking Critically: Logos, Ethos, and Pathos

Questions about LOGOS (logic)	
What are the major claims or assertions made in this reading? Do you agree with the author's claim that people who try to look different are really looking for attention and approval from society?	
Do any claims appear to be weak or unsupported? Which ones? What makes you think they are unsupported?	
What counterarguments does the author not consider?	
Do you think the author has left something out on purpose? Explain your answer.	

Questions about ETHOS (the writer)	
Is the author knowledgeable about his subject? How do you know?	
What does the author's language tell the reader about him?	
Does the author seem trustworthy? Why or why not?	
Does the author seem serious? In what ways?	

Questions about PATHOS (emotions)

How does this piece affect you emotionally? Explain your answer.

Do you think the author is trying to manipulate the readers' emotions? In what ways? In which parts of the text?

Does the author use humor? How does that affect your acceptance of his ideas?