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Find 2 examples each of King's use of ethos, logos, and pathos in Letter from Birmingham Jail. Underneath each example, tell what King is responding to or making a statement about. Type the assignment in a word document, and submit the assignment to the Dropbox labeled King's Use of Appeals.

Ethos

On (Pg.261-262) " I feel that you are men of genuine good will and that your criticisms are sincerely set forth "

Martin Luther King refers to the credibility and capability of the clergymen to ease tension and to allude to the thought of equality universally believed by Christians. In saying this, Martin Luther shows he has utmost respect for the eight clergymen

"I would agree with St Augustine that ' an unjust law is no law at all."

Not only does Martin Luther show his education of historical Christian figures , but also he appeals to the clergymen sense of right by referring to a Christian figure whom helped shape modern day Christian morals.

Pathos

On (Pg.265) "when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading "white" and "colored".

Martin Luther Repeats the struggles with segregation by referring to the whites only and colored only signs encouraging segregation throughout the country, bringing forth the emotional internal and external turmoil due to the struggle of racial inequality

On (Pg.264) when it was saying "We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed ."

Martin Luther king was inciting to African American people to protest for their rights and equality . Rather than " waiting" for the white populous to relinquish their God-given rights, Knowing that if no action was taken, these rights would never be achieved.

Logos

On (Pg.266) "Paul Tillich has said that sin is separation. And is not segregation an existential expression of man's tragic separation, his awful estrangement, his terrible sinfulness

Martin Luther continues to show his educated background, by referring to Paul Tillich, a German American philosopher and Christian theologian, and his ideals of equality in sin, This is further effective due to the fact that his letter is addressed to leaders of the church.

On (Pg.263) "on the basis of these promises, the Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth and the leaders of the Alabama Christian Movement for human rights agreed to a moratorium on all demonstrations."

In this page Martin Luther refers to the Alabama Christian Movement referring to the belief of Christian for equality and his educated stature of current events.

In any non violent campaign there are four basic steps: collection of the facts to determine whether injustices exist: Negotiation; self purification ; and direct action. We have gone through all these steps in Birmingham.

You express a great deal of anxiety over our willingness to break laws. This is certainly a legitimate concern.