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Rhetoric in the Apology



Plato's *Apology* is not an apology in the modern sense but a defense speech. Socrates speaks with logic, irony, and moral conviction.

Passage for Annotation

Read the passage below, then complete the questions that follow:

"I am not wiser than any other human, but I know this: I do not think I know what I do not know. I go about persuading you, young and old alike, not to care for your bodies or your wealth in preference to, or so strongly as, for the best possible state of your soul. I tell you that virtue does not come from wealth, but that wealth, and every other good thing, comes from virtue."

Annotation Questions

1. Identify one **irony** in Socrates' statement about wisdom.

2. Highlight an example of **contrast** or **antithesis** in the passage.

3. Which part of the passage appeals most to **ethos** (Socrates' credibility)? Explain.

4. Which part appeals most to **logos** (reason/logic)? Explain.

5. Which part appeals most to **pathos** (emotions/values)? Explain.
