

Words Of Promise Answer Key

Quick Reference (for students)

- **Ethos** = credibility / trust
- **Pathos** = emotion
- **Logos** = logic / evidence

Teachers should check that students:

- Correctly identify rhetorical devices AND
- Provide reasoning linked to **credibility**, **emotion**, or **logic**

Suggested accurate classifications:

1. **Pathos** - Inspires emotional duty and patriotism
2. **Ethos** - Appeals to values of dignity and democratic faith, building trust and credibility
3. **Pathos** - Encourages compassion and unity through emotional language
4. **Pathos** - Motivates courage by confronting fear emotionally
5. **Ethos/Pathos** - Builds national confidence (emotional) while establishing trust in leadership

(NOTE: Some lines may include mixed appeals - reasoning is what matters most.)

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips

- Provide a mini-lesson introducing ethos, pathos, and logos
- Allow students to highlight words that clues device type
- Offer sentence starters for written explanations

Engagement Ideas

- Conduct a "Rhetorical Rally": Students read lines aloud with dramatic emphasis
- Compare how two presidents address similar challenges
- Quick vote after each example: Ethos, Pathos, or Logos?