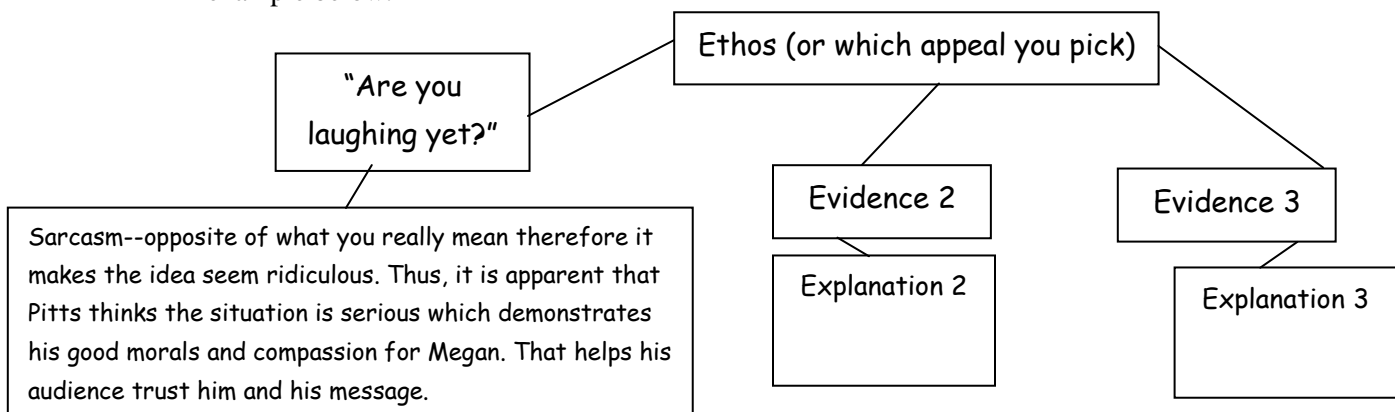


## “Megan Meier and the MySpace ‘joke’” Explication Assignment

You have opinions, so can you write an editorial like Leonard Pitts? Eventually you will, but first you need to spend some time analyzing how rhetorical appeals are used in editorials to convince an audience of your opinions. You will be examining how two rhetorical appeals were used in “Megan Meier and the MySpace ‘joke’”. Follow the directions below for your class work today after the vocabulary test and your class work tomorrow in the lab.

1. **Thursday:** Annotate for all appeals individually. When everyone is done with the test, we will share good examples of each appeal. Chose the one appeal you will write about tomorrow.
2. **Friday:** Complete a bubbl.us mind map for one appeal. The appeal should be at the center with at least three branches of evidence. Each piece of evidence should have an explanation box. See example below.



3. **Friday:** Based on your bubbl.us mind map, write a well composed paragraph explaining how each piece of evidence represents that one appeal. Make sure that you have a topic sentence for the paragraph and use transitional sentences so the paragraph flows nicely.
4. **Friday:** READ your paragraph to check for errors and make sure that it *sounds* good.
5. **Friday:** Make sure your document is in MLA format.
6. **Friday:** Print your paragraph and turn it in. **DUE IN CLASS FRIDAY.**
7. **Next Week:** After some revision on Monday and Tuesday of your first paragraph, on Wednesday you will be writing a second paragraph about a different appeal. Then over the weekend you will be adding an introduction and conclusion to those two appeal paragraphs. Guess what you'll have then??? A complete **explication** essay!!! The complete explication essay is **DUE Monday, Jan. 31.** (hard copy and turnitin.com)