**Banneker Prompt**

1. Read the instructions ONLY *without reading the text* and complete rhetorical situation below:

Persona:

Intention:

Genre:

Subject:

Audience:

Context:

1. Now, again, *without reading the text*, based on the above information, write the first or first two sentences to a rhetorical analysis essay, making sure to cover ALL the elements above.
2. Read the letter and annotate throughout. Write any/all evidence of ethical appeals you find that demonstrate 1) any moral and/or value arguments and 2) the credibility of the speaker (Banneker) to make these arguments.:
3. What rhetorical devices (diction, syntax, imagery, poetic devices) does Banneker rely on to make these ethical arguments or establish his credibility?
4. What tone (author’s attitude) does Banneker convey by repeating the formal “sir” throughout the letter? Connect the tone to the persona/ credibility of Banneker:
5. Count the number of sentences in the entire letter: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. What is the overall rhetorical effect of Banneker’s syntax (long, complicated sentences) on the quotation that begins on line 21?
7. There is a shift in tone at line 42 with the last paragraph/sentence. What tone word(s) would you pick out to describe in the last paragraph and what argumentative appeal (logical, ethical, emotional) does this shift in tone support? List any/all rhetorical devices you also find in this paragraph:

Tone:

Appeal:

Rhetorical devices (syntax, diction, imagery, poetic devices):

9. Write a THESIS statement that connects Banneker’s purpose (to end slavery) with rhetorical strategies.