

TOPIC: BASEBALL

ETHOS- Credibility

My years in baseball have taught me the value of selective sportsmanship. **When I first began my journey in the major leagues**, I realized that I was on my own and no matter how supportive my teammates were, my career depended on me.

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Baseball requires **muscle memory** and examination of experience. These moments are unique in themselves. The ball cracks against an **aluminum wrapping** and the **hollowed steel** inside vibrates with a strong resonance that can only be remembered if it has been heard before. The repetitive rehearsal of the **prep step** serves to remind the player to be at his best.

PATHOS- Emotion

Baseball is the past-time of the American Dream. It is the **sweat and toil of practicing for weeks** just to have one minute second of delivery. The ball careens forward. The bat gently, but swiftly, glides into the stitched covering, a perfect meeting of leather and steel. Sweat beads on the batter's forehead.- it is a moment of ultimate redemption. **If you have ever had a dream and put your tender heart and hard work directly in front of that dream, hoping to deliver, but not knowing if you will fail**, this is the batters endeavor each time he steps up to the plate.

LOGOS- Logic

5.2 ounces of leather, rubber, & thread
Awaiting the moment
When it will soar like my hopes
Through **4.5 acres** of dust and green

My heart beating
My pulse caught between
Strike 2 and ball 3
And walking away-
Strike 3- I'm out

There are **30 major league**
Baseball teams
I am hoping just one
Will fulfill my dreams.

The odds of making it
At .17