

POSITION ON DODGEBALL IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION /THE WEAK SHALL INHERIT THE GYM

Reading Skill

ANALYZE RHETORIC AND REASONING

When reading an argument, look for fallacies. A **rhetorical fallacy** is writing that is false or misleading. A **logical fallacy** is an error in reasoning. Here are three common fallacies:

- **Loaded terms** words or phrases with strongly positive or negative connotations. Using immature to describe a teenager casts the person in a more negative light than using young.
- **Leading questions** questions that contain their answers, such as, “You don’t want all the forests to disappear, do you?”
- **Caricatures** cartoon-like portrayals of opposing arguments, such as, “They want you to go around hugging trees.”

Directions: Use the chart to write down any fallacies you find and note their locations. Include the text’s line numbers.

	“Position on Dodgeball in Physical Education”	“The Weak Shall Inherit the Gym”
Fallacies	Loaded terms: lines 47–49	