

But if a man has done business as I have, going to sea on perilous journeys, and from his small profits has made these loans, wishing not only to confer favours, but to prevent his money from slipping through his fingers without his knowing it, why should one set him down in that class? (Dem. 37. 54)

Demosthenes was an Athenian politician who in the latter if the 4th Century BCE was proclaimed to be one of the "most influential rhetors" of his time¹. He vocalised his works against Pantaenetus in the 4th century BCE suggesting that this could have been one of his more significant speeches during his time. *why?*
Demosthenes would be projecting this speech in front of men in a court room and therefore it can be assumed that they were all of a similar class to him and so may have had coincidental upbringing and backgrounds. Aeschines says that "Demosthenes had always been a patriotic and useful citizen"². This infers that his speeches are relevant and so increases the credibility of the speech. *NO?*

Demosthenes starts this extract by referring the case back to himself. He suggests therefore that there are similarities between he and Nicobulus and this could help gain the courts favour. This could be referring to him directly on the topic of loans or on the topic of sea travel. Demosthenes suggests in this work that he has been both the lender and receiver of a loan³ and even though the court system isn't always favourable of the ideology it is constantly happening. This is both accurate in the ancient world and in modern times. *why? end?*

The use of such a strong adjective to accompany the noun "journey" makes the audience pity the defendant. The word perilous describes something of danger and high risk allowing the court to allude that when Nicobulus was out at sea he was constantly putting himself in harm's way. This would help gain the emotional side of the court because they would take into account that Pantaenetus stopped the payments to Nicobulus after he had headed out to sea. *Some discussion at the Greeks' view of sea travel could help your argument.*

Demosthenes is also trying to show the court that Nicobulus doesn't have a huge amount of money by calling his profits "small". I can assume this relates to knowing that Evergus had to pay Pantaenetus two talents and so he can assume that he will also be trying to charge Nicobulus a similar amount. He also suggests that the finances will be "slipping through his fingers" alluding that Nicobulus wouldn't have been aware of his financial situation until his return from sea or until he had gotten word of the predicament back in Athens.

To describe Nicobulus as doing Pantaenetus a "favour" suggests that the loan was a very simple task and it also infers that nothing is wanted in return. However, this is contrary to the matter because we know from Demosthenes 37 that interest was paid on top of the renting of the mine and the profits that it attained. *Yes*
Therefore, Demosthenes is using certain words to directly lead the court against Pantaenetus and to pity Nicobulus.

To conclude, Demosthenes mainly used terminology which he knew would help influence the court into favouring the defendant through pity. He also makes reference to himself in order for the court to understand who Nicobulus is.

¹ Engles, 2006, *Demosthenes*

² Aeschines,

³ Dem. Orations 37.53

*Why are you assuming that Dem.
is the actual speaker???*

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You need to read
more philosophy

structure - 4 I had an intro main and conc. but I felt like there was no structure within the main text itself. It didn't flow

References - 2 I had some references however, not nearly enough for a good piece of work.

Critical engagement - 3 I analysed certain words however I was confused about the whole concept. I needed to do much more research.

management - 1 I had read through some articles but I wasn't looking in the right places. When writing it I didn't feel pushed for time but instead just frustrated that I couldn't get down what I wanted to say.

You are too
harsh on yourself.
Yes, there are
weaknesses but
you are doing ok.

- ① A good introduction which will discuss what the gobber will entail. Then move onto introducing the author. ✓
- ② Read more! more back ground reading will help make a stronger argument / piece of writing. and more references.
- ③ Better time management. make sure everything is planned carefully before starting the essay and reference while I write.
- ④ Identify strengths in your practice, not just weaknesses.

