Analysis of Argument in Patrick Henry’s “Speech to the Second Virginia Convention”

For each question, give evidence and examples from the speech to support your answer. Be sure to explain how your examples prove your answer.

1. What is Henry’s claim (or argument)?
2. How do you know?
3. Why do the details Henry gives appeal to his audience? Explain.
4. Why is Henry making this argument?
5. What evidence does Henry give to support his argument? Does he explain this evidence? If so, how? Be specific.
6. Does Henry provide a counterclaim? If so, what is it? If not, why?
7. What type of language does Henry use? (Tone/Loaded Language) Give examples.
8. Would a different tone have been more effective? Explain.
9. Identify how Henry uses logos, pathos, and ethos in his speech. Explain using specific examples.