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### Informal Fallacies Worksheet Pt. 1

Read each statement below and answer with what fallacy it committed out of the following:

- Ad Hominim Abusive
- Ad Hominem Circumstantial
- Poisoning the Well
- Tu Quoque
- Appeal to The People
- Appeal to Fear/Force
- Appeal to Pity
- No Fallacy

1. Before you get to Rebbecca's argument for better community gardens, you should know that she is incompetent and probably couldn't raise a plant without killing it.

**Poisoning the well**

2. After hearing Charlos' argument, I would like to say that he has no right to claim that unpaid internships are better than paid ones, as all of the internships at his company are unpaid and therefore his opinion doesn't count.

**Ad Hominim Circumstantial**

3. Why would I listen to you if you say smoking is bad for me? You've smoked all your life!

**Tu Quoque**

4. Although Robin is arguing for increased support in libraries, you should not believe them as they are just the crazy cat lady across the street and is too old to be worried about such a matter without a separate agenda.

**Ad Hominim Abusive**

5. If you don't agree to stop sailing your boat through my waters, then I will simply put out underwater mines and force you to deal with the consequences.

**Appeal to Fear/Force**

6. Before you leave today, you should know that I've have cancer and even getting this argument ready for all of you was hard, so perhaps give me more of a chance than the others?

**Appeal to Pity**

7. I know my brother is trying to get you to let him play with my legos, mom, but what if he tries to eat one of the pieces or pinches his finger putting them together? Then he would probably get hurt and then how would he ever trust you again?

**Appeal to the People / Appeal to Fear or Force  
(Either taken)**

8. If you don't start exercising today, then how will you keep up with your kids? Come on and exercise with the rest of us and make new friends!

**Appeal to the people**

9. If I'm able to study the entire morning without falling asleep, I'm going to treat myself for working hard and stop for the day. If I do fall asleep, I'll just get myself some coffee and study through the first half of the afternoon as well. I'm still studying at 2:00 in the afternoon, so I did fall asleep at some point.

**No fallacy**

10. If you don't surrender and join our club, well then I don't think that you will make it out of here in one piece.

**Appeal to Fear/force**