

Essay Plan:

- generally I agree with the view presented in the text and quotation
- relationship: Culture, Logic and Rhetoric (title)
- realized by different examples (English, Arabic, Asian, Spanish)
- Aristotle: Latin philosopher (Roman culture and philosophy) --> Logic would have been different but the whole of our science nowadays would not have been totally different. Independent scientists ...
- 1. Aristotle's life ?
- 2. today's science and culture
- 3. relation ancient times and now

Essay:

There is a obvious relationship between "Culture, Logic and Rhetoric" as it is pointed out in Oshima and Hogue's text. They state that it is culturally dependent whether an English person or an Asian person write scientific essays. The most obvious difference is structure and approach to the topic. This essay will focus on Peirce statement saying that "if Aristotle had been Mexican, his logic [...] and perhaps, by the same token, the whole of our philosophy and our science would have been different." and its relation to the present text.

At first one has to argue that Aristotle was a ancient Latin philosopher. Ancient life and culture had a huge influence on his view and his works. But the expansion of the Roman empire had a great influence too. Aristotle came in contact with different cultures and adapted and rejected foreign philosophies and views on the world. Today this process takes place while different cultures like English, Asian, Arabic and Spanish have their own style of writing, their on Logic so to speak. As Oshima and Hogue point it out it is outstanding that different cultures have different approaches to science and in addition to that they have their own style of writing. That is a fact one cannot reject. So when speaking about different styles of writing and approaching scientific issues, it is safe to say that these cultures have their own way of describing and experiencing the world and its issues. The description of the world and its reception is different. For example the English people are very organized and try to structure their essays the most. While Arabic writing differs in the use of coordinators and Asian writing differs in the angles of approaching the topic. In addition to that Spanish people do not fulfil the English requirement of paragraph unity. As a result the approach of a scientific issue is closely related to the reception of it and vice versa. This interrelationship becomes clear by the examples in Oshima and Hogue's text.

Secondly, taking into consideration the quotation of Peirce it is safe to say that if Aristotle had been Mexican, his contemporary logic would have been different. Culture influences the Logic of the particular people in their specific culture as it is explained in the paragraph above. The impact on our philosophy would be great because we adapted Aristotle's philosophy and perhaps - or better obviously - our philosophy would be different as well. Taking into account the impact on our science I am a bit more careful. The present time provides a lot of educated and sophisticated scientists who try to describe the world through experiments. This description of the world could have taken place just like it did take place even with a different philosophy created by Aristotle.

Coming to terms I would like to state that the impact on our philosophy (while being aware of the "Mexican" Aristotle philosophy) would be vast and great but concerning our science there are different opinions. In my view science is not very closely related to philosophy as "Culture, Logic and Rhetoric" which is a major concern in Oshima and Hogue's text. As a result writing and the reception of the world is linked to "Culture, Logic and Rhetoric."