



Claims and Counterclaims Analysis

Today's Standard

11-12.W.1b - Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

Cues	Notes
What is a claim?	A claim is the main argument or point being made.
What is a counterclaim?	A counterclaim is an opposing argument to the main claim.
Why is it important to address counterclaims?	Addressing counterclaims shows thorough understanding and strengthens the argument.
How do you evaluate evidence?	Evaluate evidence based on relevance, credibility, and strength.
What are the strengths and limitations of evidence?	Stronger evidence supports the argument better; limitations should be acknowledged to show critical thinking.

Summary

Understanding and addressing both claims and counterclaims with strong, relevant evidence is crucial for effective argumentative writing and critical thinking.