



Argumentative Writing Skills

Today's Standard

9-10.W.1 - Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

Cues	Notes
What is an argument?	An argument is a claim supported by evidence and reasoning.
What is evidence?	Evidence includes facts, statistics, quotes, and examples that support the claim.
How to structure an argument?	A well-structured argument includes an introduction, body paragraphs with evidence, and a conclusion.
Why is relevance important?	Relevance ensures that the evidence directly supports the claim, making the argument stronger.
What are common misconceptions?	Common misconceptions include thinking personal opinions are enough and that more evidence is always better.

Summary

Writing strong arguments involves using valid reasoning and relevant evidence. It's important to differentiate between opinion and evidence and to use the most relevant evidence to support claims.