



### Writing Clear Claims

#### Today's Standard

9-10.W.1a - Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

Cues	Notes
What is a claim?	A claim is a statement that asserts a point, belief, or truth and requires evidence to support it.
How do you distinguish a claim from an opinion?	A claim is supported by evidence, while an opinion is a personal belief that does not necessarily require evidence.
What are counterclaims?	Counterclaims are arguments that oppose the original claim.
Why is it important to address counterclaims?	Addressing counterclaims shows thorough understanding and strengthens the original argument by refuting opposing views.
How do you organize an argument?	Organize an argument by clearly stating the claim, supporting it with evidence, addressing counterclaims, and refuting them with further evidence.

#### Summary

Understanding how to introduce precise claims, distinguish them from opinions, and address counterclaims is essential for crafting strong, evidence-based arguments.