



## Evaluating Arguments in Nonfiction

### Today's Standard

9-10.W.9b - Apply grades 9-10 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning").

Cues	Notes
What is the importance of evaluating arguments?	Evaluating arguments helps develop critical thinking skills necessary for academic and real-world success.
How can you assess the validity of evidence?	Assess the validity of evidence by considering its source, context, and relevance to the argument.
What are common logical fallacies?	Common logical fallacies include ad hominem attacks, false dilemmas, and straw man arguments.
Why is it important to identify false statements?	Identifying false statements prevents the spread of misinformation and supports informed decision-making.
How does this standard apply to real-world scenarios?	This standard applies to analyzing news articles, scientific reports, political speeches, and more.

### Summary

Understanding how to evaluate arguments and evidence in literary nonfiction is crucial for developing critical thinking skills. This involves recognizing logical fallacies, assessing the validity of evidence, and identifying false statements, which are essential for academic success and informed citizenship.