

Cornell Note

## Correlation vs. Causation

## Today's Standard

HSS.ID.C9 - Distinguish between correlation and causation.

Cues	Notes
What is correlation?	Correlation refers to a relationship between two variables where changes in one variable are associated with changes in another.
What is causation?	
	Causation indicates that one event is the result of the occurrence of the
How can we distinguish between correlation and	other event; there is a cause-and-effect relationship.
causation?	Distinguishing between correlation and causation involves looking for additional evidence, understanding the context, and using controlled
Why is it important to	experiments.
understand the difference?	Inderstanding the difference beins in making informed decisions
What are common	evaluating research, and avoiding false conclusions.
	Common misconceptions include believing that correlation implies causation and that no correlation means no relationship.

## Summary

Understanding the distinction between correlation and causation is crucial for accurate data interpretation and informed decision-making. Common misconceptions can lead to incorrect conclusions, so it's important to critically evaluate evidence and context.