



Discussion Preparation and Evidence Use

Today's Standard

11-12.SL.1a - Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Class debates on current events; Group projects requiring research; Peer review sessions; Seminar-style discussions; Mock trials or role-playing activities

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how to get ready for discussions by reading and finding information. This helps us talk and share ideas in a smart way.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think just reading is enough to be ready. But they need to take notes and find proof for their ideas. Also, they might think their own thoughts are the same as facts, but they need to use proof from what they read.

Quiz Me

- What should you do before a discussion?
- Why is it important to find evidence?
- What can you bring to help you in a discussion?
- Is your own opinion the same as a fact?
- How can you show you are ready for a discussion?

Help Me

To get ready for a discussion, read the material and find important information. This helps you talk about the topic in a smart way. For example, if you are talking about a book, find parts of the book that support your ideas.

