



Crafting Logical Arguments

Today's Standard

11-12.WHST.1a - Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing persuasive essays; Debating historical events; Creating scientific reports; Drafting technical manuals

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to make strong arguments by stating clear claims, explaining why they are important, and organizing our thoughts logically.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think all claims are the same, but good arguments need strong evidence. Others think counterclaims weaken their argument, but they can actually make it stronger.

Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- Why is it important to support a claim with evidence?
- What is a counterclaim?
- How can you make your argument stronger?
- Why do we need to organize our thoughts logically?

Help Me

When we make arguments, like saying why our favorite game is the best, we need to be clear and have good reasons. It's also good to think about what others might say and explain why our reasons are better.