

## Argumentative Writing Techniques

### Today's Standard

11-12.W.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 claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Debate preparation and participation; Writing persuasive essays; Developing policy proposals; Constructing business cases; Creating research papers

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to write strong arguments by making clear claims, supporting them with evidence, and thinking about what others might say against our claims.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think just saying their claim is enough, but they need evidence to support it. Others think talking about the other side makes their argument weaker, but it actually makes it stronger.

### Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- Why do we need evidence?
- What is a counterclaim?
- How should we organize our argument?
- What makes an argument strong?

### Help Me

To make a strong argument, say what you believe, show why it's important with facts, think about what others might say against you, and explain why your idea is still the best.