



## Claims and Counterclaims Analysis

### Today's Standard

11-12.W.1b - Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Debate preparation and execution; Writing persuasive essays; Analyzing political speeches; Constructing legal arguments; Evaluating editorials

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about making strong arguments by looking at both sides. We talked about claims, which are our main points, and counterclaims, which are the other side's points.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think it's okay to only talk about their own side. But it's important to show they understand the other side too. Another tricky part is knowing which evidence is the best to use.

### Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- What is a counterclaim?
- Why do we need to talk about counterclaims?
- How can we tell if evidence is good?
- What makes some evidence better than others?

### Help Me

When making an argument, it's important to think about what others might say against you. This helps you make your point stronger. Also, not all evidence is the same. Some pieces of evidence are more convincing than others.