



Author's Reasons and Evidence

Today's Standard

5.RI.8 - Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles to identify the author's main points and supporting evidence.; Evaluating advertisements to determine the claims and supporting evidence.; Reading historical texts to understand the arguments and evidence presented by the author.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how authors use reasons and evidence to support their points in informational texts. This helps us understand and evaluate the arguments in what we read.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think that all details in a text are equally important, but that's not true. Also, they might confuse reasons with opinions. Reasons are based on facts, while opinions are personal beliefs.

Quiz Me

- What is the main idea?
- Can you tell me a supporting detail?
- How do you find evidence in a text?
- What is a reason?
- What is an opinion?

Help Me

When you read something, try to find the main idea and the details that support it. For example, if you're reading about why exercise is good for you, the main idea might be that exercise keeps you healthy. The reasons and evidence might include facts about how exercise helps your heart and muscles. This helps you understand and trust what the author is saying.

