

Parent Guide to the Standards

Discipline-Specific Argument Writing

Today's Standard

6-8.WHST.1 - Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a report on a historical event; Creating a scientific argument for a hypothesis; Developing a technical manual for a new technology; Writing a persuasive essay on a social issue; Debating the impact of a scientific discovery

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to write arguments that are specific to subjects like history, science, and technical topics. This helps us think carefully and use evidence to support our ideas.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they can just use their opinions without proof. It's also tricky when they think writing is the same for every subject. We need to show them how to use facts and how writing changes with different topics.

Quiz Me

- What is an argument?
- Why do we need evidence?
- How is writing in science different from writing in history?
- What is one mistake kids make with arguments?
- How can we fix that mistake?

Help Me

Writing arguments helps us explain our ideas clearly. For example, if you want to convince someone that recycling is important, you need to show facts about how it helps the planet. This makes your argument strong and believable.