



Argumentative Writing Skills

Today's Standard

6-8.WHST.1a - Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Debating a historical event; Writing a scientific research paper; Creating a technical manual

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to make a strong argument in my writing. I can tell the difference between my ideas and others' ideas and use good reasons to support what I think.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that all ideas are good even if they don't have strong reasons. Also, they might think that talking about other ideas makes their own ideas weaker. But really, good reasons make ideas strong, and talking about other ideas can make your idea even better.

Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- Why is it important to have strong reasons?
- What is an opposing claim?
- How can you make your argument stronger?
- Why should you talk about other ideas in your writing?

Help Me

When you make an argument, you need to say what you think and why. Use good reasons and facts to support your idea. Talking about other ideas can help make your argument stronger.