

Parent Guide to the Standards

Argumentative Writing

Today's Standard

6.W.1 - Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Debating a school policy in a class discussion; Writing a persuasive essay on a community issue; Creating a blog post to advocate for a cause; Developing a presentation to support a scientific hypothesis; Composing a letter to the editor of a local newspaper

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about writing arguments. This means making a statement and giving reasons and evidence to support it.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think any opinion can be an argument, but arguments need evidence. Others think all evidence is good, but some sources are better than others.

Quiz Me

- What is an argument?
- Why do we need evidence?
- What makes a source credible?
- Can any opinion be an argument?
- Is all evidence the same?

Help Me

Writing arguments helps us explain our ideas and convince others. For example, if you want a new playground at school, you need to give good reasons and find facts to support your idea.