



Organizing Claims and Evidence

Today's Standard

6.W.1a - Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a persuasive essay on a school policy; Debating a current event topic; Creating an advertisement for a product; Writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper; Developing a speech for a student council election

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to make a strong argument in writing. We talked about how to start with a clear idea, called a claim, and then support it with reasons and facts.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that just saying their opinion is enough, but they need to show proof. They also might not know that putting their reasons in order helps make their argument stronger.

Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- Why do we need evidence?
- How should we start an essay?
- What makes a claim good?
- Why is it important to organize our reasons?

Help Me

When we write, we need to start with a clear idea called a claim. We then need to show reasons and facts to support our claim. This is like when you want to convince your friend to play your favorite game. You tell them why it's fun and give examples of the cool things you can do in the game.