



### Evaluating Arguments in Nonfiction

#### Today's Standard

7.W.9b - Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. 'Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims').

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing editorials in newspapers; Evaluating arguments in historical documents; Assessing claims in scientific articles; Critiquing persuasive essays; Discussing arguments in speeches

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to tell if an argument in a nonfiction text is good or not. We looked at how to check if the reasons and evidence make sense and are strong enough to support the argument.

#### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that any piece of information can support an argument, but it needs to be directly related. Also, just because someone says something confidently doesn't mean it's true; the reasons behind it need to be sound.

#### Quiz Me

- What is an argument in a text?
- Why do we need to check if reasons make sense?
- What makes evidence good?
- Can any information support an argument?
- Does saying something confidently make it true?

#### Help Me

We use this skill to look at things like newspaper articles or speeches. By checking if the reasons and evidence are good, we can decide if we should believe what the writer or speaker is saying.