



Discussion Preparation and Evidence Use

Today's Standard

8.SL.1a - Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Classroom debates on current events; Book club discussions; Group projects and presentations; Peer review sessions; Community meetings or forums

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to get ready for discussions by reading or researching and using evidence to support our ideas.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think just reading is enough, but they need to take notes and highlight key points. Others think their opinions are enough, but they need to use evidence too.

Quiz Me

- What should you do before a discussion?
- Why is it important to take notes?
- How can you use evidence in a discussion?
- What is a common mistake kids make about discussions?
- How can you make your argument stronger?

Help Me

Before a discussion, read and take notes. Use these notes to support your ideas with evidence. This way, your arguments will be stronger and more convincing.