

Argumentative Writing Skills

Today's Standard

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

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing persuasive essays on social issues; Debating in a classroom setting; Creating opinion pieces for a school newspaper; Developing speeches for student council elections; Constructing letters to the editor on current events

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to write arguments that support our ideas with clear reasons and evidence. This helps us explain our thoughts better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think their opinions alone are enough or that just listing evidence is okay. It's important to use good sources and explain how the evidence supports their ideas.

Quiz Me

- What is an argument?
- Why do we need evidence?
- Can you use just your opinion?
- What makes evidence good?
- How do you explain your evidence?

Help Me

Writing arguments is like explaining why you think something is true. You need to use real information that supports your idea and explain why that information is important.