



Logical Argumentation and Claims

Today's Standard

8.W.1a - Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Debating in a classroom setting; Writing persuasive essays; Analyzing political speeches; Constructing arguments in social media discussions; Creating presentations for science fairs

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to make strong arguments by introducing our own ideas, understanding other people's ideas, and using good evidence to support our points.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that talking about other people's ideas makes their own ideas weaker, but it actually makes their argument stronger. Also, not all evidence is good; some sources are better than others.

Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- Why should you talk about other people's ideas?
- How should you organize your evidence?
- What makes evidence good?
- Can you give an example of a strong argument?

Help Me

When writing or talking about something important, it's good to say what you believe and also talk about what others believe. This makes your argument stronger. Use good and reliable information to support your ideas. For example, if you are trying to convince someone that recycling is important, you could use facts from scientists to show why it helps the Earth.