

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Evidence-Based Writing**

## Today's Standard

8.W.9 - Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a research paper using multiple sources; Analyzing themes in a novel and supporting with text evidence; Creating an argumentative essay with evidence from articles; Reflecting on historical events using primary source documents; Comparing and contrasting different viewpoints in editorials

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use information from books or articles to support our writing. This helps us make our ideas stronger.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think their own opinions are enough evidence, but they need to use information from books. Also, just telling what a book says is not enough; they need to explain why it matters.

#### Quiz Me

- What is evidence?
- Why do we need to use evidence in our writing?
- What is the difference between a fact and an opinion?
- Can you tell me what a summary is?
- What does it mean to analyze something?

## Help Me

When we write, we need to use information from books or articles to make our ideas stronger. For example, if you are writing about why a character is brave, you should find parts in the book that show the character doing brave things.