

Parent Guide to the

Prepared Discussions and Evidence Use

Today's Standard

9-10.SL.1a - Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Class debates; Group projects; Research presentations; Literature circles; Panel discussions

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how important it is to be ready for discussions in class. We need to read and research our topics so we can talk about them with evidence and good ideas.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that just reading the material is enough, but they need to take notes and find evidence. They also might think that their own opinions are enough, but they need to back up their ideas with facts from what they read.

Quiz Me

- Did you read the material for your discussion?
- Can you show me some notes you took?
- What evidence did you find in your reading?
- Why is it important to use evidence in your discussion?
- How can you prepare better next time?

Help Me

When we talk about a topic, it's like having a conversation where everyone shares what they learned. We need to read and take notes so we can bring good ideas to the talk. For example, if we're talking about a book, we should find parts of the book that support our ideas and share them with the group.