



### Writing Clear Claims

#### Today's Standard

9-10.W.1a - Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Debates on current events; Persuasive essays; Legal arguments; Advertising campaigns; Scientific research papers

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to write clear and precise claims in our writing. We also learned how to recognize and address different points of view that might disagree with our claims.

#### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students might think that a claim is just an opinion, but a claim needs evidence to support it. Others might think that talking about other points of view makes their own argument weaker, but it actually makes it stronger.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- How is a claim different from an opinion?
- What is a counterclaim?
- Why should we talk about counterclaims?
- How can we make our argument stronger?

#### Help Me

When you make a claim, you are saying something that you believe is true and you have evidence to prove it. In real life, you might use this skill when you want to convince someone to see your point of view, like in a debate or when writing a persuasive letter.