

ELA Writing Standards supporting "Justify and tell me Why"

Eagles write arguments to justify claims with clear reasons and relevant, sufficient evidence

9th Grade

9-10.W.1

Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

- A. 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.
- B. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
- C. Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
- D. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- E. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

8th Grade

8.W.1

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

- A. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- B. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
- C. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- D. Establish and maintain a formal style.
- E. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.