

Handout #1

Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standard for Writing #1

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

Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects 6–12

[WHST]

The standards below begin at grade 6; standards for K–5 writing in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects are integrated into the K–5 Writing standards. The CCR anchor standards and high school standards in literacy work in tandem to define college and career readiness expectations—the former providing broad standards, the latter providing additional specificity.

Grades 6–8 students:

Grades 9–10 students:

Grades 11–12 students:

Text Types and Purposes

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i>.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, 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, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.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. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i>.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.b. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims in a discipline-appropriate form and 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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i>.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.b. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.c. Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax 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. |
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- conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
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- 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.
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