



Evaluate the Strength of Evidence

1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

List two facts that support it most strongly. Paraphrase them in your own words.

2. Outline the passage—list the parts that the writer included. You may find them identified with boldface sub-headings. You may have to figure out what those are without that help.

3. What is a claim that the writer makes about the topic?

4. What is the strongest evidence the writer gives to support that claim? List two examples or facts that the writer includes that support the claim most strongly. Paraphrase them—write them in your own words.
