



How a Writer Supports a Claim

CCSSR8—evaluate evidence for a claim; CCSSR5: identify writer’s techniques.

Note to teachers: This guide may be useful as a preparation to evaluate two or three sources’ presentation of a claim.

A claim is a point of view about something. For example, Chicago is a city is a statement of fact. **It’s not an idea.** Here is a claim about Chicago: **Chicago is the best city in the world.**

Writers support a claim with evidence. Readers evaluate the evidence.

Which of these provides **better** evidence for the claim that Chicago is the best city in the world.

Many people say they love Chicago.

Each year, thousands of people move to Chicago from other places in the world.

Exercise your evaluative ability.

Take a speech someone gives.

Choose one claim.

Claim: _____

Choose two statements from the speech that support that claim:

Evidence	Clearly Stated	Specific Example/ Information
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Rate the two statements for how clear they are from 0 to 2 and how specific the example is.