Contrast the Strength of Evidence to Support for a Claim
CCSSR8—evaluate evidence for a claim

A claim is a point of view or position 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. Readers ask themselves:
- Is this evidence that directly supports the claim?
- Does it include specific information or examples?

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

- Many people say they love Chicago.
- Each year, thousands of people move to Chicago from other places in the world.

Analyze a Claim
Take an article or editorial in which a writer makes claims about a person or event.

Choose one claim. State it here in just a few words.

Claim: _________________________________________________________

Choose two statements from the speech that support that claim. Restate them in a few words in column 1. Then rate them in columns 2 and 3.

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<th>Writer states it clearly.</th>
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Rate the two supporting statements.

Which of the statements provides stronger support? __1 __2

Explain your choice. ____________________________________________________

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