# Expressing Opinions about Argumentative Text

A process of understanding, analyzing, and articulating perspectives in a structured way

# Understanding the Argumentative Text

**Explain the Structure of Argumentative Texts**: Begin by familiarizing with the typical components of an argumentative text—introduction, claim or thesis, supporting arguments, counterarguments, and conclusion.

**Identify Key Elements**: underline the main claim, note supporting evidence, and recognize counterarguments. This helps them identify where the author's opinion is and what evidence is used.

# Distinguishing between Facts and Opinions

How to differentiate between objective facts (verifiable information) and subjective opinions (beliefs or judgments)

# Formulating an Opinion

**Formulating an Opinion :** Reflect on the argument by posing questions such as:

- Do you agree or disagree with the author's main claim?
- What evidence do you find most convincing, and why?
- Are the counterarguments addressed adequately?

**Use a Structured Response**: Structure opinions by first stating position (agree/disagree), explaining why you hold that position, and providing examples or personal experiences that support opinion.

**Engaging with Counterarguments**:

Do not only express opinions but also engage with opposing views. Acknowledge valid points from the other side, then refute them by providing reasoning.

## Using Evidence

**Back Opinions with Textual Evidence**: reference specific parts of the text to support opinions. Ground arguments in evidence rather than personal bias.

**Encourage Use of Outside Sources**: allow to incorporate other credible sources to strengthen their argument.

# Creating a Balanced Opinion

Avoid extreme positions unless strongly justified. Appreciate the complexity of issues and present a balanced opinion that considers multiple viewpoints.

Create debates or discussions

# Politically Correct.

When constructing an argument, especially on topics that might be sensitive or polarizing, such as self-expression in the age of social media, it's important to ensure that your language and ideas are **politically correct**.

- Respect Diversity of Opinion
- Avoid Absolutes and Generalizations
- Use Inclusive Language
- Acknowledge Other Perspectives with Empathy
- Avoid Loaded Terms
- Promote Constructive Dialogue
- Use Neutral and Objective Language