

Evidence

Definitions

Argument: Making an **assertion** and supporting it with **evidence**

Thesis: The main idea of the passage

Reasons: The ideas that support your thesis

Evidence: Specific examples that support your reasons

Effective Reasons/Claims

1. Interesting
2. Unobvious
3. Has evidence
4. Organized
5. Notice Rhetorical decisions

Organization Methods

1. Sequence, Chronological, Narration
2. Description, Definition
3. Cause → Effect
4. Compare and Contrast
5. Problem and Solution
6. Order of importance
7. Logical
8. Process Analysis
9. Division and classification
10. **Combination**

Forms of evidence

1. Quote
 2. Paraphrase
 3. Summary
- Need to know how they use evidence
 - If its effective (in context)

Effects of Evidence

1. Exemplify or illustrate
 2. Amplify
 3. Set a mood (more emotional than logical)
- Check the effectivity of their evidence by analysing the effects the evidence has

Selection of Evidence

1. To establish or develop validity
 2. Relate to audience
 3. increase credibility
- Think if the evidence selected is effective and relatable to the claim

Line of reasoning

- Evidence should support your reason, which should in turn support your thesis
 - Integrate all evidence together to jointly support your thesis (synthesis)
- Ensure that you are **processing and understanding** (logical thinking) rather than **getting defensive** (emotional response)