

CLAIMS, EVIDENCE, REASONS task cards

Claims, Reasons, and Evidence



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4th & 5th Grade

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15 Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

Ladybugs are good for vegetable gardens. They never damage the plants they land on. Instead, these beetles do the important job of keeping down aphids that are damaging to garden plants. They are particularly good at eating aphids. Aphids feed on plant tissue and can pass viruses to other plants. They can eat up to 5,000 aphids over its lifetime. This limits the damage that can attack gardens. Ladybugs can also get rid of mites, which are tiny insects that can damage plants. You can encourage ladybugs to call your garden home by planting flowers and herbs such as marigolds, dill, and yarrow with ladybugs.



Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

Underline the author's claim in **red**.

Underline the supporting reasons

28 Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

We all love to enjoy a sweet treat, but we have to make sure we brush and floss afterward. If not, we are at risk of getting cavities. Cavities, or dental caries, are holes in our teeth. These holes are caused by plaque that sticks to the surface of our teeth. Plaque is bacteria caused by what we eat and germs from our mouth. If cavities are not taken care of by a dentist, they will get bigger and deeper, possibly causing tooth pain. For healthy teeth, get them checked and cleaned regularly by your dentist.

What is the main reason we need to floss and brush our teeth?

- a. We love to have sweet treats.
- b. Plaque can stick to your teeth.
- c. Get your teeth checked by a dentist.
- d. Cavities are holes in our teeth.



Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, "Scoot!" when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seats.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks then take turns pulling them. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole-Class Practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

1 Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

Toothpaste is important in helping to keep our teeth white and cavity-free, but it can have lots of other uses. Many households keep their favorite tube on hand to get pesky stains out of rugs and carpet with little effort. Just rub a small amount of toothpaste into the stain with a sponge and then clean with a damp cloth. It can also be used on other furniture, such as couches or mattresses. Try to get that crayon mark off your bedroom wall or even the black scuffs off your white tennis shoes. It works like magic!

What is the author's claim?

- a. Toothpaste is magic.
- b. Many households have toothpaste.
- c. Do not put toothpaste on your walls.
- d. Toothpaste has many uses.

2 Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

Horse owners must be responsible caregivers 365 days a year. A horse depends on its owner for food which consists of hay and grain. They need supplies of clean water and a dry, safe shelter such as a barn. That shelter also needs to be cleaned every single day to keep the horse healthy. Hoof maintenance and veterinary care are required as well. Owners must also provide regular exercise through riding and allowing horses to stroll around a fenced-in pasture.

Which evidence does the author supply to support the claim that horse owners must be responsible caregivers?

- a. The author describes different horse breeds.
- b. The author provides reasons for owning a horse.
- c. The author compares horse owners to other pet owners.
- d. The author states things that need to be done to care for horses.

3 Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

Mars is our neighboring planet and has some interesting similarities to Earth. Mars, also known as the Red Planet, is a rocky planet with an active atmosphere. Mars has seasons, ice caps, and landforms, such as volcanoes and canyons. Scientists have proven that Mars has experienced ancient flooding. One day on Mars lasts 24.6 hours, which is very similar to Earth. With all these similarities to our home planet, scientists often wonder if life will exist on Mars in the future.

How does the author develop the claim that Mars is like Earth?

- a. by showing examples of how they are related
- b. by showing how Mars is a better planet
- c. by showing that we know more about Earth
- d. by showing examples of how they are different

4 Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

Northeastern United States is the best place to live in the country. The states located here experience all four seasons. Each season has something wonderful to offer. In spring, the area is alive with budding flowers and trees, and the temperatures are suitable for outdoor activities. Summer brings more fun outside, particularly to those states that border the Atlantic Ocean and have miles of beaches to enjoy. Colorful fall foliage is not to be missed in the Northeast during autumn. Winter might be cold, but snow sports such as skiing and skating provide entertainment.

Which sentence best states the author's claim about Northeastern United States?

- a. Northeastern United States has miles of beaches to enjoy.
- b. Colorful fall foliage is not to be missed.
- c. Snow sports such as skiing and skating provide entertainment.
- d. Northeastern United States is the best place to live in the country.

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