

Cite and Explain Your Evidence #2 Literary Response



Essayists state an opinion that they can support with strong evidence. They also explain why their evidence matters. Let's take a look at an example of this.

Example

Claim: In Gary Soto's short story "The Marble Champ," Lupe learns that with determination and hard work, you can overcome difficulties and achieve your goals.

Evidence: On page 38, Soto shows how tired Lupe was feeling when he said Lupe's muscles "burned from exhaustion."

Explanation of Evidence: This part of the book is important because it shows how tired Lupe felt. The author wants the reader to understand that even when Lupe felt exhausted, she did not give up. This helped Lupe achieve her goal.

Directions: Take a close look at the example as you complete the following tasks.

1. Highlight the punctuation that the writer used when she wrote the name of the story.
2. Highlight the punctuation that the writer used when she quoted the text.
3. Underline the part of the example where the writer includes the page number.

Directions: Now, it's your turn! Record the title and author of your text. Then, write your claim.

Title of Text: _____

Author: _____

Claim:

A **claim** states what you believe and what you intend to prove.
Example: a lesson learned

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Directions: Provide evidence for your claim and explain why each piece of evidence supports your claim.

Evidence #1: On page _____, _____
(last name of author)
mentions _____

When you quote a piece of text . . .

- use quotation marks around the author's words.
- cite the page number.

Explanation: This is important because _____

Evidence #2: On page _____, _____ states _____
(last name of author)

Explanation: The author includes this to show _____

Evidence #3: _____

Explanation: _____

