

How to Cite Strong Evidence

Literary Response



Literary essayists cite **strong** pieces of evidence. This evidence should support the writer's claim and the importance of this evidence can be clearly explained

Evaluate the Example

The following response shows how to cite a piece of evidence. After reading the example response, read the following section to make sure you understand which sentence makes up the **claim**, **evidence**, and **explanation of evidence**.

In the short story "Thank You, Ma'am," Langston Hughes shows the reader the value of kindness and trust. On page 19, Mrs. Jones showed kindness towards Roger when she said, "Ain't you got nobody at home to tell you to wash your face?...Then it will get washed this evening." This quote shows the reader that Mrs. Jones treated Roger with kindness, as she takes care of him and cleans his face.

Claim: In "Thank You, Ma'am," Langston Hughes shows the reader the value of kindness and trust.

Evidence: On page 19, Mrs. Jones showed kindness towards Roger when she said, "Ain't you got nobody at home to tell you to wash your face?...Then it will get washed this evening."

Explanation of Evidence: This quote shows the reader that Mrs. Jones treated Roger with kindness, as she takes care of him and cleans his face.

Now It's Your Turn!

Directions: Read the example response. Then, record the claim, evidence, and explanation of evidence.

Through Mrs. Jones's behavior in "Thank You, Ma'am," the author teaches the reader the importance of showing kindness towards others. Hughes shows this on page 20 when he states, "The woman did not watch the boy to see if he was going to run now, nor did she watch her purse which she left behind her on the day-bed." Even though Roger tried to steal Mrs. Jones's purse, she was kind to him and wanted to show him that she would trust him to do the right thing.

Claim: _____

Evidence: _____

Explanation of Evidence: _____
