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**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction

Welcome to this homework sheet on finding evidence in non-fiction texts! In this activity, you will learn how to identify and analyze different types of evidence, evaluate the credibility of sources, and use evidence to support your arguments. This skill is essential in becoming a critical thinker and effective communicator.

## Types of Evidence

Read the following passage and identify the different types of evidence used:

"The city of Paris is known for its beautiful architecture, art museums, and historic landmarks. According to a recent survey, over 20 million tourists visit Paris every year (statistical data). The Eiffel Tower, built in 1889, is one of the most iconic landmarks in the world (primary source). Many experts consider Paris to be the fashion capital of the world (expert opinion)."

What types of evidence are used in this passage?

- Statistical data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Primary source: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expert opinion: \_\_\_\_\_

## Evaluating Sources

Read the following sources and evaluate their credibility:

Source 1: A news article from a reputable online newspaper

Source 2: A social media post from a friend

Source 3: A academic article from a peer-reviewed journal

Which source is most credible? Why?

## Using Evidence to Support Arguments

Read the following argument and identify the evidence used to support it:

"The school should implement a recycling program because it will help reduce waste and protect the environment. According to a recent study, schools that implement recycling programs reduce their waste by an average of 50% (statistical data). Additionally, many experts agree that recycling is essential for protecting the environment (expert opinion)."

What evidence is used to support the argument?

- Statistical data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expert opinion: \_\_\_\_\_

## Identifying Bias

Read the following passage and identify any biases:

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"The nuin our school. It's a waste of time and money, and it will only benefit the administrators (opinion). Many students and teachers are against the policy (statistical data)."

What biases are present in this passage?

## Creating a Persuasive Text

Write a persuasive text using evidence to support your argument. Choose a topic that you are passionate about, such as climate change, social justice, or animal rights.

Use the following structure:

- Introduction: Introduce your topic and thesis statement
- Body Paragraph 1: Use statistical data to support your argument
- Body Paragraph 2: Use expert opinion to support your argument
- Conclusion: Summarize your main points and reiterate your thesis statement

## Debating and Discussing

Imagine you are debating the following topic: "School uniforms should be mandatory." Use evidence to support your argument and respond to counterarguments.

Argument for school uniforms: \_\_\_\_\_

Counterargument: \_\_\_\_\_

Response to counterargument: \_\_\_\_\_

## Evaluating Online Sources

Evaluate the following online sources and determine their credibility:

A website with a .gov domain

A website with a .com domain

A social media post from a reputable news organization

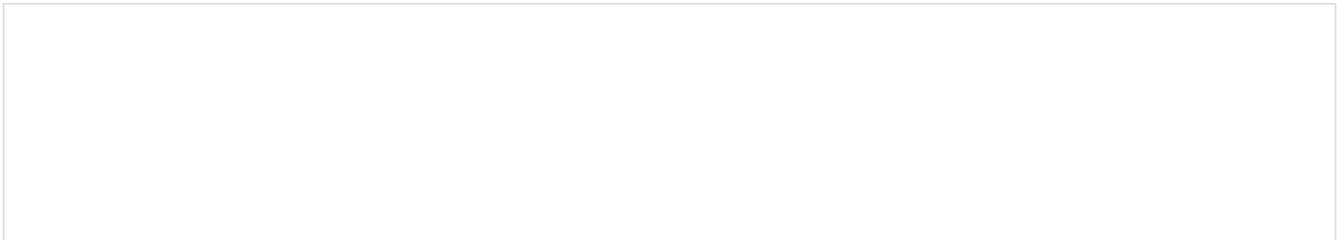
Which source is most credible? Why?



## Creating a Graphic Organizer

Create a graphic organizer to help you organize your thoughts and ideas when evaluating evidence. Use the following structure:

- Topic: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statistical data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expert opinion: \_\_\_\_\_
- Primary source: \_\_\_\_\_



## Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this homework sheet! You have learned how to identify and analyze different types of evidence, evaluate the credibility of sources, and use evidence to support your arguments. Remember to always think critically and use evidence to inform your decisions.