

Introduction

In this worksheet, you will learn how to find and analyze evidence in non-fiction texts. This skill is essential for evaluating information, making informed decisions, and supporting your arguments with credible evidence.

What is Evidence?

Evidence is information or data used to support a claim or argument.

Examples:

- Statistics
- Expert opinions
- Primary sources
- Secondary sources

Match the following types of evidence with their definitions:

Type of Evidence	Definition
Statistical evidence	
Expert opinion	
Primary source	
Secondary source	

Identifying Evidence

Read the following passage and identify the types of evidence used to support the claim.

Passage: "According to a recent study, eating a balanced diet can reduce the risk of heart disease. The study, which was conducted by a team of researchers at a prestigious university, found that participants who ate a diet rich in fruits and vegetables had lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels than those who did not."

Questions:

1. What type of evidence is used to support the claim?

2. How does the author use this evidence to support their argument?

Evaluating Evidence

Evaluate the credibility and relevance of the following sources:

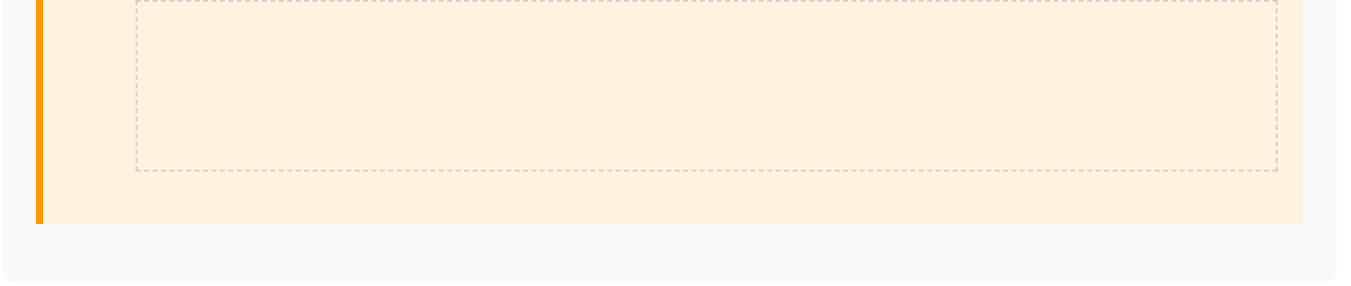
- A news article from a reputable newspaper
- A social media post from a celebrity
- A research study published in a peer-reviewed journal

Questions:

1. Which source is most credible and why?

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2. Which source is most relevant to the topic and why?



Using Evidence to Support Claims

Write a short paragraph using evidence to support a claim.

Claim: Regular exercise can improve mental health.

Evidence: A study published in a peer-reviewed journal found that participants who exercised regularly had lower symptoms of anxiety and depression than those who did not.

Questions:

1. How does the evidence support the claim?

2. What other types of evidence could be used to support this claim?

Analyzing Evidence

Analyze the following evidence and evaluate its credibility and relevance:

- A statistic from a government website
- A quote from an expert in the field
- A graph from a research study

Questions:

1. What does the evidence suggest?

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2. How does the evidence support or challenge the claim?



Identifying Bias

Identify the bias in the following passages:

- A news article with a clear agenda
- A social media post with a biased tone
- A research study with a flawed methodology

Questions:

1. What type of bias is present in each passage?

2. How does the bias affect the credibility of the evidence?

Creating a Claim

Create a claim and support it with evidence.

Claim: _____

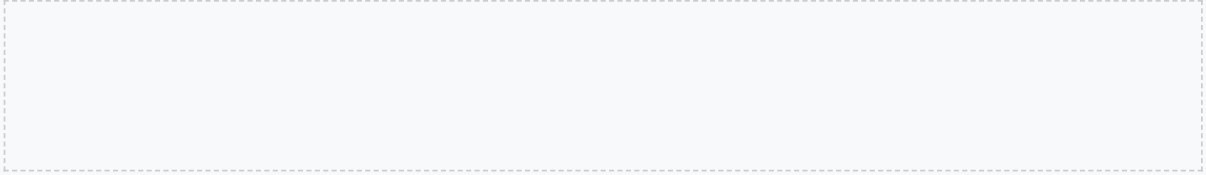
Evidence: _____

Questions:

1. How does the evidence support the claim?

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2. What other types of evidence could be used to support this claim?



Presenting Findings

Present your findings from the previous activities.

Questions:

1. What did you learn about finding evidence in non-fiction texts?

2. How can you apply this skill in real-life scenarios?

Conclusion

Summary: Finding evidence in non-fiction texts is a critical thinking skill that involves identifying, analyzing, and evaluating evidence to support claims and arguments.

Reflection:

Reflect on what you learned from this worksheet and how you can apply it in your everyday life.

Final thoughts: Remember to always evaluate the credibility and relevance of evidence and to use it to support your claims and arguments.

