

Access 4

Skill: Supporting Details

Supporting Details

- Used to develop the main ideas and central claims with relevant information
- Can be any facts, definitions, details, quotations, or textual evidence that are important to the reader's understanding of the topic
- Evaluate the quality of information before using
- Is not relevant if the information doesn't support the topic or if the information doesn't strengthen the writer's point

Restate the Definition

Review the bullet points about supporting details and then define what supporting details in your own words. Use complete sentences in your definition.

Supporting Details: _____

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*W.11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Fill in the Blanks

Use the information in the Identification and Application section to fill in the blanks below and explain how to choose supporting details for an argumentative essay.

1. Review your _____.
2. Ask yourself, What is my main _____ for this argumentative essay?
3. Ask what a reader needs _____ to understand the main idea.
4. Look for _____ that will strengthen your central claims.
5. Organize your ideas so that _____
_____ in a powerful and persuasive manner.
6. Remember that _____ can leave readers confused.

Finish the Sentences

Complete the sentence frames to identify three supporting details for your essay. Write your thesis on the first lines.

My thesis: _____

Supporting Detail 1: _____

This detail supports my thesis because _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

This detail supports my thesis because _____

Supporting Detail 3: _____

This detail supports my thesis because _____

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