



INSTRUCTIONAL ONE-PAGER

EBA SKILL #1: Claim vs. Evidence

DEFINITIONS

CLAIM:

1. A debatable statement.
2. A statement that must be proven before you accept it as true (this type of claim is often used in math)

EVIDENCE: Any factual information presented to support a claim.

Proven and undisputable facts are not claims because claims MUST be debatable. Instead, proven facts are used as pieces of evidence to help a person show that their claim is true or correct. The evidence is used to support the claim.



EXAMPLES

CLAIM: Spinach is better for you than chocolate.

EVIDENCE:

1. One cup of spinach only has 7 calories while only 1 ounce of dark chocolate has 150 calories.
2. Chocolate has caffeine in it, but spinach does not.
3. One cup of spinach only has .1 gram of fat while only 1 ounce of dark chocolate has 9 grams of fat.

CLAIM: In geography, a place may change over time.

EVIDENCE:

1. A glacier caused the formation of Yosemite Valley in CA.
2. The Grand Canyon exists today due to the erosion of rock over time caused by the fast-moving waters of the Colorado River.
3. Most of Boston was marsh and water before people filled it in so they could live there.