



Swartz Creek Middle School
Standards-Based Grading
2017-18

Department:
ELA

Grade:
8

Course Competency

3. Argument Writing: Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze and critique texts or topics and support claims and reasoning with sufficient evidence for intended purpose and audience.

Standards

- a. Introduces claim(s)**
- b. Support claim(s) with evidence and commentary**
- c. Clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence**
- d. Incorporates a conclusion**

Learning Progressions

Standards	Emerging	Progressing	Competent	Exemplary
a. Introduces claim(s)	Student may or may not attempt a claim	Student may attempt a claim, but claim may not be debatable	Student includes a debatable claim	Student introduces a debatable claim and a summary of evidence
b. Support claim(s) with evidence and commentary	Student may or may not attempt to support claim with evidence	Student attempts to support claim with evidence that may or may not include sources	Student supports claim with evidence and some credible sources and commentary	Student supports claim(s) logically with evidence, using all credible sources that are cited and relevant commentary
c. Clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence	Student does not acknowledge the counterclaim	Student acknowledges the counterclaim but may or may not include sources	Student acknowledges the counterclaim and includes at least one source	Student acknowledges the counterclaim, refutes it, and includes credible source
d. Incorporates a conclusion	Student does not include a conclusion	Student attempts to provide a conclusion.	Student provides a clear conclusion statement/section	Student provides a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.