

## ELA Writing Standards supporting "Justify and tell me Why"

### Eagles write arguments to justify claims with clear reasons and relevant, sufficient evidence

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### 8.W.1

**Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.**

- A. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- B. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
- C. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- D. Establish and maintain a formal style.
- E. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### 7.W.1

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