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## Claim vs. Evidence

A **claim** is a statement that describes your position or point of view on a topic or issue. A claim MUST be open for debate. **Evidence** is any combination of facts, data, or examples, or quotations that support your claim. Evidence is NOT debatable. You use evidence to prove that a claim is true.

Just as a stool is supported by its legs, a claim is supported by evidence. Without evidence to justify the claim, the claim will not stand up.

