

TEACHING ESSAY STRATEGIES

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COMMON CORE
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STANDARDS



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PROGRAM



Identifying Types of Evidence #1

Name _____

Directions: Identify the number of the Types of Evidence in the space provided.

Types of Evidence: FE SCALE C

1. **F**act means something actually said or done. Use quotes for direct or indirect quotations.
2. **E**xample is a subset typical of a category or group.
3. **S**tatistic is a numerical figure that represents evidence gained from scientific research.
4. **C**omparison means to show how the subject is like something else in a meaningful way.
5. **Q**uote from an A**uthority** is something said by an expert on the subject.
6. **L**ogic means to use deductive (general to specific) or inductive (specific to general) reasoning to prove a point.
7. **E**xperience used as evidence may be a commonly known event or an event of which there is limited knowledge.
8. **C**ounterclaim: A counter-argument states an argument against your point of view. The refutation disproves the counter-argument.

- ___ 1. Although she thought the vocals were hard to hear, the “feel” of the music was great.
- ___ 2. It makes sense that the closer he got to the speakers, the louder the volume became.
- ___ 3. She said, “It was the best concert I’ve ever seen.”
- ___ 4. The band sounded like The Clash in its prime.
- ___ 5. A song such as “Nature’s Son” is a ballad.
- ___ 6. More than half of the concert-goers were pleased.
- ___ 7. Music critic Angela Brown called it “the best single concert of the year.”
- ___ 8. Seeing the band live made him want to purchase their CD.
- ___ 9. Standing in line to get the tickets was horrible.
- ___ 10. The concert promoter said he tried to keep the ticket prices down to reasonable levels.
- ___ 11. The cost of food was outrageous, but people were allowed to bring in their own.
- ___ 12. Ticket prices increased by 10% this year.
- ___ 13. The band performed two encores.
- ___ 14. People dressed casually in jeans, flip-flops, and tee-shirts.
- ___ 15. Their set list had more dance songs than the last time they played here.
- ___ 16. Buying four tickets for the cost of three was a better deal than purchasing separately.

Identifying Types of Evidence #2

Name _____

Directions: Identify the number of the Types of Evidence in the space provided before each sentence.

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- ___ 1. Going to the mall in person allows shoppers to try on the clothes.
- ___ 2. There is simply not enough parking, but the bus does have a direct line to the mall.
- ___ 3. The food court provides numerous choices, including pizza and Thai food.
- ___ 4. There are more stores in this mall than in the one downtown.
- ___ 5. “The stores offer the best sales,” claim her friends.
- ___ 6. Buying smaller purchases first makes carrying the shopping bags easier.
- ___ 7. Two out of every three shoppers go to this mall regularly.
- ___ 8. The local newspaper advises holiday shoppers to use its discount coupons.
- ___ 9. Start shopping at the stores farthest from the parking lot, then work back toward the car.
- ___ 10. Shopping on “Black Friday” is quite an adventure.
- ___ 11. The mall closes at 10:00 p.m.
- ___ 12. Sales increased 20% at one store.
- ___ 13. Sodas are very expensive, although there are unlimited refills.
- ___ 14. Tom Post, security manager at the mall, said, “Shoplifting is down this year.”
- ___ 15. There are stores for every taste: high-end fashion, bargain basement, and chain stores.
- ___ 16. Unlike last season, holiday shoppers began their shopping before Thanksgiving.

Identifying Types of Evidence #3

Name _____

Directions: Identify the number of the Types of Evidence in the space provided before each sentence in the body paragraphs that follow.

Types of Evidence: FE SCALE C

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3. **S**tatistic is a numerical figure that represents evidence gained from scientific research.
4. **C**omparison means to show how the subject is like something else in a meaningful way.
5. **Q**uote from an Authority is something said by an expert on the subject.
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Foreign travel helps people learn about themselves. ___ In order to know whom one is, one must first learn from where one came. ___ Researching one's roots places that person in the context of history, much like finding out where a single jigsaw puzzle piece fits to complete the whole puzzle. Only travel offers the complete solution to that puzzle.

___ Doing primary research on one's family is called *genealogy*. Genealogy has become an extremely popular hobby and researching on-scene is very rewarding. Many travelers decide to visit their ancestors' homeland on their first trip abroad. ___ Say if one's grandparents came from Scotland, the traveller might decide to begin foreign travel in that country. ___ Ric Smeeves, travel expert, comments, "Walking where your ancestors once walked gives you an up-close understanding of their geography, culture, climate, and history." ___ Finding an original marriage license, baptism record, or property deed almost brings that relative back to life. Visiting a cemetery and seeing one's ancestral name on headstones is meaningful. Meeting a distant cousin face to face adds a new dimension to one's genealogical research. Travel makes self-discovery possible.

More and more people are using travel for research. ___ Some argue that now with the vast genealogical resources of the computer, foreign travel is no longer necessary. However, seeing a copy of an original document online does not match the feeling of holding it in one's hands; watching a YouTube video clip does not produce the tastes of local cooking or smells of the ancestral town. Nothing replaces the experience of foreign travel. ___ In fact, applications for passports have increased by over 300% in the last decade alone.

Appendix C Answers

Numbering the Essay

- #1 3-4-5-4-5
- #2 4-5-4-5-3
- #3 3-4-5-4-5-4-5
- #4 3-4-5-4-5-4
- #5 4-5-3-4-5
- #6 4-5-4-5
- #7 1-1-2-3-4-5-4-5-3-4-5-4-3-4-5-4-5-TR-6-6-6

Identifying Types of Evidence

- #1 1. 8 2. 6 3. 1 4. 4 5. 2 6. 3 7. 5 8. 7
9. 7 10. 5 11. 8 12. 3 13. 1 14. 2 15. 4 16. 6
- #2 1. 7 2. 8 3. 2 4. 4 5. 1 6. 6 7. 3 8. 5
9. 6 10. 7 11. 1 12. 3 13. 8 14. 5 15. 2 16. 4
- #3 1. 6 2. 4 3. 1 4. 2 5. 5 6. 2 7. 8 8. 3

Identifying Introduction Strategies

(Answers may vary, but are listed in best order.)

- #1 1. 7 2. 3 3. 1 4. 8 5. 3 6. 7 or 8 7. TS
- #2 1. 3, 7, or 8 2. 5 or 8 3. 3 or 4 4. TS
- #3 1. 2 2. 3 or 7 3. 7 4. 4 5. 6, 7, or 8 6. 1 or 7 7. TS

Identifying Conclusion Strategies

(Answers may vary, but are listed in best order.)

- #1 1, 8, 3 8 5
- #2 6, 5, 1 5, 4 5, 6, 7, 8 3, 5, 4, 8
- #3 7 5 4, 5 2, 1, 3, 6 8, 7

Parallelism

a new nation	that nation, any nation, that nation
conceived in liberty	dedicated to the proposition
we are engaged	We are met
so conceived	so dedicated
we cannot dedicate	we cannot consecrate, we cannot hollow
who struggled here	what we say here, what they did here, to be dedicated here, they who fought here
that these dead	that this nation
shall not have died in vain	shall have a new birth of freedom, shall not perish from the earth
of the people	by the people, for the people