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Module 3

Completing the Argumentative Paper with CREATURES

Grade 3 · Cluster 6

Tackling TEKS · Reading & Writing

3.12C(i) · 3.12C(ii) · 3.11B(i) · 3.11B(ii) · 3.11B(iii)



★ Meet Our Week!

High stamina

★ Daily Deck

I Will...

- I will state a clear claim.
- I will build reasons with evidence.
- I will explain how evidence proves a reason.
- I will address another viewpoint respectfully.
- I will explain why the idea matters beyond the story.

I Can...

- I can use the CREATURES checklist.
- I can organize a complete argument.
- I can write a rebuttal that returns to my position.
- I can write significance beyond the story.



Model Prompt: Amina

Day 1 · Gather & Reveal

★ Daily Deck

"Crash" and "The Good Citizen."

argumentative texts

How can a writer combine all the parts of an argument into one complete, convincing paper?

Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar.

You will build a complete argument from a decision.



Dot the Tricky Words

Day 1 · Gather & Reveal

★ Daily Deck

D

Dot

Place a small dot above any word you are not sure about yet.

O

Discover

Discover the meaning as we learn together through our lessons.

T

Drop

Erase the dot once you know what the word means.

A little dot above a word means:
“I’m not sure about this word yet.”

Dot the word. Discover the meaning. Drop the dot, then celebrate when you own it!



Build-A-CREATURE

Day 1 · Reveal

★ Daily Deck

C

truth

circle the topic or decision

B

should tell

box the action verb

T

should

triangle the decision clue word
should, whether, or if

If you have to decide, you must declare the WHY.

List possible reasons.

★ Evidence and Thinking

Day 1 · Reveal (cont.)

★ Daily Deck

The Magnifying Process

Brainstorm many reasons.

Group the reasons.

Narrow each group to one strong idea.

Choose the final three groups as topic sentences.

Watch Me!

Prompt: Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar.

Model: Amina should have told the truth because honesty builds trust, shows responsibility, and helps solve problems.

Each detail supports.

★ Award and Target

Day 2 · Attempt · Partner Game

★ Daily Deck

"Crash" and "The Good Citizen."

How to Play

- 1 Choose a prompt and matching claim.
- 2 Match reasons and evidence.
- 3 Place ideas in logical order.
- 4 Add thinking, U, R, E, and S.

Success Check: *The rebuttal returns to the claim.*

With Your Partner

Task Card

Make every CREATURES part work with the same claim, passage evidence, and reasoning.

Explain why evidence needs thinking, why order matters, and how understanding another side differs from rebutting it.

How can a writer combine all the parts of an argument into one complete, convincing paper?

What can I already do?

What do I want to practice next?

Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar.

Student Directions: “Write a claim with a decision + “because” + reasons.”



Understanding Others and Rebuttal

Day 3 · Discuss (cont.)

★ Daily Deck

How can a writer combine all the parts of an argument into one complete, convincing paper?

Claim

Evidence

Rebuttal

You built an argument that a reader can follow.



Try It On Your Own!

Day 3 · Use (Independent Practice) · Interactive Notebook

WHAT

Write a claim with a decision + "because" + reasons.

WHY

Add one passage detail as evidence and one sentence explaining how the evidence proves the reason.

HOW

If ready, add a counterargument, rebuttal, ending, and significance.

Listen for the CREATURES move and return to the passage when the connection is unclear.

★ Award & Target!

Day 4 · Award & Target

★ Daily Deck

Award 🏆

Name one CREATURES part you used successfully and cite the evidence in your paper.

- Claim Captain
- Reason Master
- Evidence Expert

Target 🎯

Choose one next step: stronger evidence, clearer thinking, logical order, a reasonable counterargument, a direct rebuttal, a purposeful ending, or deeper significance.

Curiosity Questions

What can I already do?



Exit Ticket

Day 5 · Educate & Explain to Others

★ Daily Deck

Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar.

Write a claim with a decision + "because" + reasons.

Keep declaring the WHY, proving it with evidence, answering another viewpoint respectfully, and showing why the idea matters.



Name the Thinking

Small-Group Support

★ Daily Deck

You will build one strong piece at a time.

I believe _____ because _____.

The text says _____. This shows _____.

Some people might say _____. However, _____.

First _____, then _____.

Connect Across Texts

Enrichment · Write in your notebook

Defend whether Maya or Amina shows more responsibility.

Replace a general reason with a precise one.

Defend why one
reason comes first.

Write a reasonable
counterargument and
rebuttal.

Explain why
responsibility matters
to communities.

★ My Progress Tracker

This tracker is for YOU! As you read and write this week, look at each skill. If you can do it all by yourself, color in the box that matches how you feel. Be honest, this helps you see how much you are growing!

I Can...	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
State a claim with a decision + because + reasons.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Use evidence from a passage.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Explain how evidence supports a reason.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Put ideas in logical order.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Write a counterargument and rebuttal.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Write an ending and significance.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Use the HABIT: If you have to decide, you must declare the WHY.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It



Citizenship Connection

Good Citizens · Our Community & Country

★ **Both characters consider effects on others.**

Amina tells the truth after the jar breaks.

Let's Look at an Answer!

Prompt: Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar, or explain if Maya should have returned to feed Rusty.

LOW

Amina should have told the truth.

What Is Working: States a position.

What Needs Improvement: Reasons, evidence, thinking, other side, rebuttal, ending, significance.

Let's Look at Another Answer!

Prompt: Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar, or explain if Maya should have returned to feed Rusty.

MEDIUM

Amina should have told the truth because honesty is important. The text says, "Thank you for telling the truth, Amina."

What Is Working: Has a decision, a reason, and evidence.

What Needs Improvement: Thinking, rebuttal, ending, and significance need development.

Our Strongest Answer!

Prompt: Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar, or explain if Maya should have returned to feed Rusty.

HIGH

Amina should have told the truth because honesty builds trust, shows responsibility, and helps solve problems. R: Reasons Honesty builds trust; responsibility means owning mistakes; truth helps solve problems. E: Evidence "Thank you for telling the truth, Amina." A: Argument Move from trust to responsibility to solving the problem. T: Thinking Honesty rebuilt trust because Amina admitted what happened.

★ This is our target!

Our Strongest Answer! (continued)

Prompt: Explain if Amina should have told the truth about breaking the jar, or explain if Maya should have returned to feed Rusty.

HIGH

U: Understanding Others Some might argue Amina should have stayed quiet to avoid trouble. **R: Rebuttal** However, staying quiet would not solve the problem or protect trust. **E: Ending** For these reasons, telling the truth was the right choice. **S: Significance** Honesty matters because communities depend on trust.

What Is Working: Includes claim, reasons, evidence, order, thinking, other side, rebuttal, ending, and significance.