Prove It: Citing Text Evidence

Show where the text tells you



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Today we will...



WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Cite evidence for what text says directly
- Cite evidence for inferences we make
- Explain how evidence supports analysis

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- I can quote exact words as proof
- I can tell explicit detail from inference
- I can link evidence to my idea

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From Reading to Proof

Read and ask what it means → Spot claim or inference to check → Find exact words that show it → Explain how proof supports idea

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BIG IDEA

Don't just tell what you think — show where the text tells you.



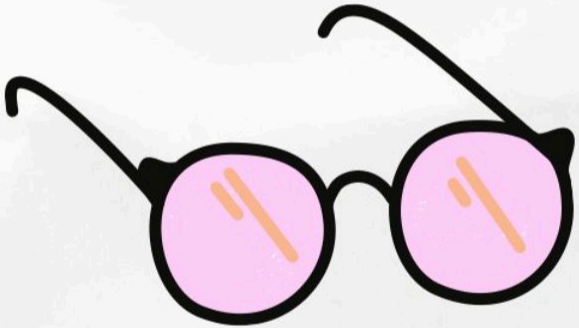
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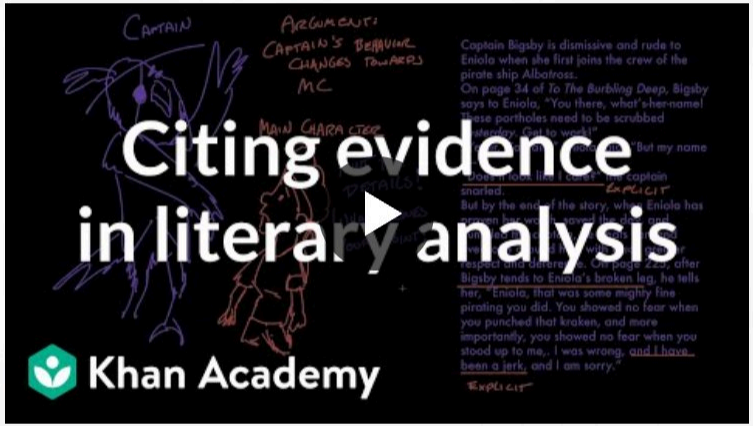
Think, pair, share



Your partner says a character in a story is kind. What proof do you ask for?

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Explicit Meaning Plus Inference



▶ 0:00 – 5:00

- Listen for explicit vs. inferred meaning
- Notice how reader quotes exact words



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DID YOU KNOW?

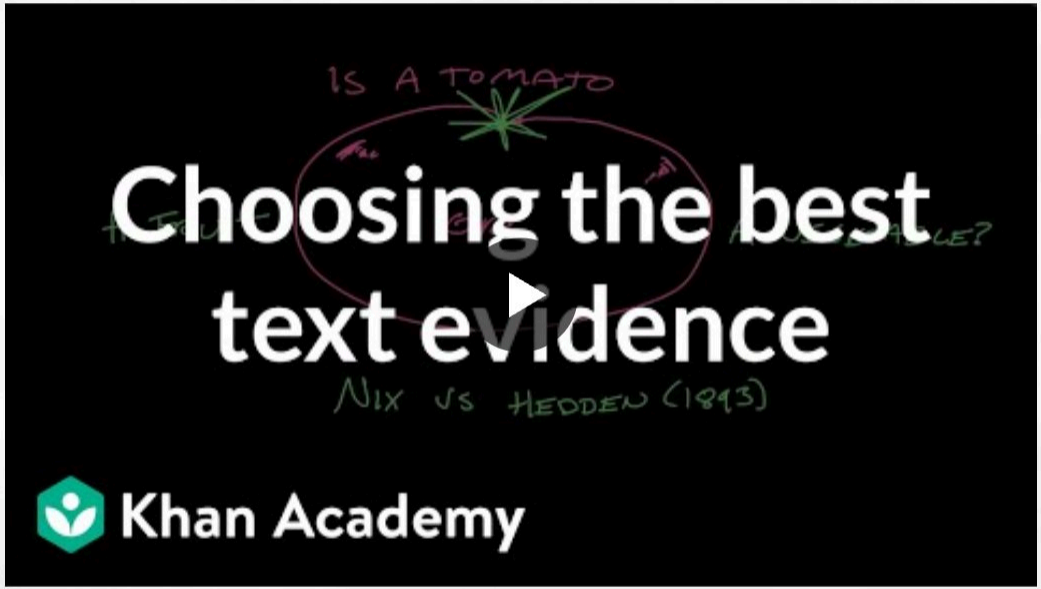
Stronger readers use more evidence every year.

The standards expect you to consider a wider range of textual evidence as you grow.



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Strong vs. Weak Proof



▶ 0:00 – 4:36

- Spot which quote really proves the point
- Ask: is it exact, short, and on-topic?





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Your task



Prove two ideas about the mini-story using exact words from it.

1. Story: The lights went out in the storm. A student grabbed a flashlight and stayed beside a younger kid who was shaking in the dark.
2. Copy words that show one explicit fact.
3. Infer one trait, copy proof words, finish: This proves it because...

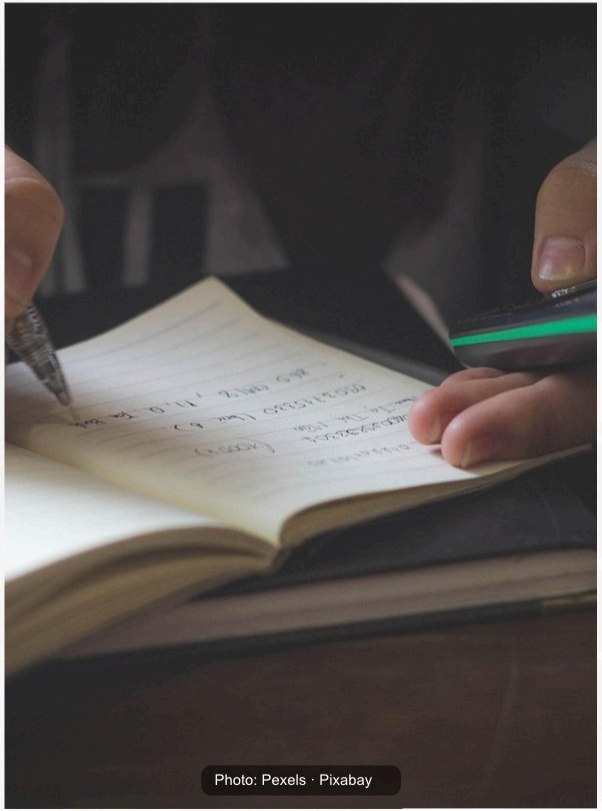
10 min

In pairs

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What Makes Evidence Strong?

1. Uses exact words or close paraphrase
2. Directly matches the claim or inference
3. Short and clear — just enough to prove
4. Needs your explanation to connect it





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What could this be?

A reader points to five words and wins the argument. What power is that?



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True or false?

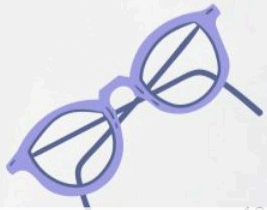
You need evidence for both explicit facts and inferences.

An inference can stand alone without any proof.

Good evidence copies exact words from the text.

The longest quote is always the strongest evidence.





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