

FORMING EVIDENCE-BASED CLAIMS

FINDING DETAILS

As I read, I notice authors use a lot of details and strategies to develop their points and arguments. I might then ask myself: What details should I look for? How do I know they are important? Below are examples of types of details authors often use in important ways.

I find interesting details that are related and that stand out to me from reading the text closely.

Author's Facts and Ideas

- Statistics
- Examples
- Vivid Description
- Characters/Actors
- Events

Author's Words and Organization

- Repeated words
- Strong Language
- Figurative language
- Tone
- Organizational Structure/Phrases

Opinions and Point of View

- Interpretations
- Explanation of ideas or events
- Narration
- Personal reflection
- Beliefs

CONNECTING THE DETAILS

By reading closely and thinking about the details that stand out to me, I can make connections among them. Below are some ways details can be connected.

I re-read and think about the details, and explain the connections I find among them.

Facts and Ideas

- Authors use hard facts to illustrate or define an idea.
- Authors use examples to express a belief or point of view.
- Authors use vivid description to compare or oppose different ideas.
- Authors describe different actors or characters to illustrate a comparison or contrast.
- Authors use a sequence of events to arrive at a conclusion.

Words and Organization

- Authors repeat specific words or structures to emphasize meaning or tone.
- Authors use language or tone to establish a mood.
- Authors use figurative language to infer emotion or embellish meaning.
- Authors use a specific organization to enhance a point or add meaning.

Opinions and Point of View

- Authors compare or contrast evidence to help define his or her point of view.
- Authors offer their explanation of ideas or events to support their beliefs.
- Authors tell their own story to develop their point of view.
- Authors use language to reveal an opinion or feeling about a topic.

MAKING A CLAIM

I state a conclusion that I have come to and can support with evidence from the text after reading and thinking about it closely.

As I group and connect my details, I can come to a conclusion and form a statement about the text.