TASK FOUR

Valid Support

Scattered Notes

Standards

1. Recognize an author's main claim and analyze the evidence an author uses to support their position on a topic.
2. Support a main claim using evidence (e.g., direct quotes, paraphrasing, and textual analysis).

Task

As we've seen, it is important when crafting your argument that your evidence and textual support strengthen and back up your main claim. Irrelevant details can confuse or distract a reader from what you are trying to prove.

As you were leaving class last week, you and some of your classmates collided and all of your notes for your final paper went flying. Sort through the strips of quotes, plot, and details in your envelope and decided what would or wouldn't be necessary to include in a paper to support the main claim on the top of your colored handout.

Glue the relevant support underneath the main claim and next to each piece note why or how it supports the main claim. On the back of the colored handout, write a paragraph explaining what type of information you didn't see as valuable or valid and why. Make sure you cite **two** examples from your unused evidence.

Note: This is an INDIVIDUAL **activity and not everyone has the same main claim.**

Criteria

- Selecting Evidence
    - The evidence you have selected is both valuable and valid
    - There are brief explanations of why each piece is valid and supports the stated main claim
- Justification
    - Explain what type of evidence you didn't see as valuable or valid and why
    - Cite at least two examples from the unused evidence to help support your justification

*Try and be as neat as possible given the nature of the assignment

Rubric

CRITERIA	**Poor (0-1)**	**Adequate (2-3)**	**Excellent (4-5)**
Selecting Evidence (x2)	Evidence is not valuable and/or valid	Most evidence is valuable and valid	All evidence is valuable and valid
Evidence Explanations	Few explanations state why the evidence is valid and supports the main claim	Most explanations state why the evidence is valid and supports the main claim	All explanations state why the evidence is valid and supports the main claim
Justification of Unused Evidence (x2)	1 explanation of unused evidence and why they are not valid are provided	2-3 explanations of unused evidence and why they are not valid are provided	4-5 explanations of unused evidence and why they are not valid are provided
Support Cited in Justification	No examples of unused evidence are cited to support your justification	1 example of unused evidence is cited to support your justification	2 examples of unused evidence are cited to support your justification

Total points: _____

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