

Evidence-Based Argument Checklist

- Early in the piece, I offer a clear and interesting claim about the text.

- The claim is arguable—someone could use evidence to offer a different interpretation or disagree with me.

- I use lots of direct evidence from the text to support my claim.

- The evidence I use shows that I know the text well and have thought about it more than just a superficial reading.

- I organize my evidence into meaningful points and explain the evidence.

- I make sure the reader understands why the evidence supports and advances my claim.