

CLAIM-EVIDENCE-REASONING (CER) WRITING

CER writing is designed to help you organize your opinion, research, and paper structure to effectively get your point across.

Getting into the flow of CER writing can be difficult, so we will first identify the claim, evidence, and reasonings of an article from Gale In Context. Using the graphic organizer below, evaluate your article and isolate the different parts of the text.

Article Title:

Citation:

CLAIM

- A statement that answers a question, or the mainpoint.
- Example: People are happier in wealthy countries.

YOUR ARTICLE'S CLAIM:

EVIDENCE

- Information to support the claim.
- Example: Surveys taken in multiple countries show that people in wealthy countries rate their happiness as higher.

YOUR ARTICLE'S EVIDENCE (MOST LIKELY MORE THAN ONE PIECE OF INFORMATION):

REASONING

- Explains how the evidence supports the claim.
- Example: Since the people surveyed in wealthy countries consistently rated themselves higher in happiness than poorer countries, the wealth of a country is a factor.

YOUR ARTICLE'S REASONING: