

Reading/ELA Homework

MONDAY

- Review Author's Claim
- Reading Skill Worksheet #1: Author's Claim, Ronald McNair

TUESDAY

- Reading Skill Worksheet #2: Free Verse vs. Rhyme Verse

WEDNESDAY

- Reading Skill Worksheet #3: Author's Claim

THURSDAY

- HMH Read: Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives

FRIDAY

- HMH Re-read: Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives
- HMH: Selection Quiz: Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives

Tests/Quizzes

Reading Portfolio #3 on Wed. 2/5/25

No Reading Test on 2/3/25 –Next Reading Test on 2/10/25

Reminders

- Portfolio Testing: February 5th and February 13th
- Review homework skills to help prepare for Portfolio
- No School Monday, FEB 17th
- Read the 3rd Grade Newsletter (sent by Mrs. Diana Charaf each Monday)

From Ms. Alvarez & Ms. Llanes

IDENTIFY CLAIM

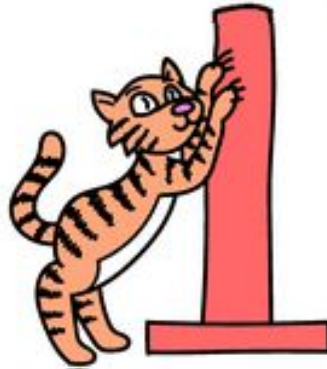


When you read an argumentative text, look for the claim.

- The claim is the position the author takes on a subject.
- The claim is the author's opinion.
- The claim is a statement the author tries to prove.
- The claim will come at the beginning of the text.
- The claim will solve a problem or answer a question.
- The author will include facts and evidence to prove the claim.

Claim

The best way to keep your cat from destroying furniture with her claws is to have a scratch post.



Evidence

After we bought a scratch post, Fluffy sharpened her claws on it instead of the couch.

Cats have the most interesting eyes of all the animals.



Cats' pupils are vertical slits instead of circles, like most animals' pupils.

Ronald McNair

When Ronald McNair was a child, he was so fond of and good with mechanical things that his nickname became "Gizmo." He continued that knack for fixing things as he grew older and showed himself to be a great student and athlete. The son of a mechanic and a teacher, Ronald went on to get a PHD from the famous and *elite* Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He became known as an expert in the field of laser technology. When he learned that NASA was looking for scientists, Dr. McNair applied. From eleven thousand applications, McNair was one of thirty-five people chosen to join the Space Program. In 1984, Ronald became the second African American in space serving as a mission specialist on a one-week Challenger mission to take a special satellite to space. His expertise with lasers was important. The mission was successful. Unfortunately, McNair's next trip to space was not. He died along with six other crew members in the 1986 Challenger explosion.



1. What is the author's central claim?

- A. Ronald McNair was a mechanical genius
- B. The Challenger explosion was a horrible disaster
- C. It is very hard to become an astronaut
- D. Satellites are useful

2. In the passage, the word *elite* most closely means:

- A. Selective
- B. Bright
- C. Small
- D. Smart

FREE VERSE VS. RHYME VERSE

Name: _____

Write an **F** next to the poem that is **free verse**.Write an **R** next to the poem that is **rhyme verse**.**In rhyme verse poems, circle the words that rhyme with each other.****Furry Bear**

If I were a bear,
 And a big bear too,
 I shouldn't much care
 If it froze or snow;
 I shouldn't much mind
 If it snowed or friz—
 I'd be all fur-lined
 With a coat like his!

Thirty Days Hath September

Thirty days hath September,
 April, June and November.
 All the rest have thirty-one,
 Except February alone,
 Which has but 28 days clear,
 And 29 in each leap year.

I, Too

I, too, sing America.
 I am the darker brother.
 They send me to eat in the kitchen
 When company comes,
 But I laugh,
 And eat well,
 And grow strong.
 Tomorrow,
 I'll be at the table
 When company comes.
 Nobody'll dare
 Say to me,
 "Eat in the kitchen,"
 Then.
 Besides,
 They'll see how beautiful I am.

Halfway Down

Halfway down the stairs
 is a stair where I sit.
 There isn't any other stair
 quite like it.
 I'm not at the bottom,
 I'm not at the top;
 So this is the stair
 where I always stop.

Halfway up the stairs
 Isn't up and isn't down.
 It isn't in the nursery, It isn't in town.
 And all sorts of funny thoughts
 Run 'round my head.
 It isn't really anywhere!
 It's somewhere else instead!

These Stories We Wear

These stories we wear –
 Scars, marks, wrinkles,
 are wrongly labelled
 as imperfections.
 But aren't they such beautiful,
 courageous signs
 of how we have lived?

I Met A Genius

I met a genius on the train
 Today about 6 years old,
 He sat beside me and as the
 train ran down along the coast
 We came to the ocean
 and then he looked at me and
 said, It's not pretty.
 It was the first time I'd realized
 that.

Name _____ Date _____

AUTHOR'S CLAIM

PRACTICE I

DIRECTIONS:

1. Read each paragraph. Write in the first puzzle piece **THE AUTHOR'S CLAIM**.
2. Then, write the **SUPPORTING EVIDENCE** the author gives to support the claim.

Even though everyone loves candies, people should avoid eating too many. Candies have a large amount of sugar and can cause cavities, blood problems, and heart diseases. Also, studies have shown that most candies have high fructose syrup, which can create inflammation in the body's organs.

CLAIM**EVIDENCE**

Studies show that the number of unwanted dogs in shelters is increasing, but there is not enough space and resources for them. People should help shelters by adopting a dog. When you adopt a dog, you help shelters not get overcrowded. Also, your economic contribution helps shelters get more resources to help new dogs every year.

CLAIM**EVIDENCE**

THEME

The **theme** is the main message, lesson, or moral of the text.



The theme can be stated in text. Fables and myths might tell the theme at the end.



The theme can be implied. Use text clues to figure it out.

- ♥ What happens to the characters?
- ♥ How do the characters react?
- ♥ What do the characters learn?
- ♥ How do the characters grow or change?

ASK: What is the author trying to teach me?



EXAMPLES

Be kind to others.

Friends are important.

Don't give up.