


# Understanding Arguments and Historical Documents

Unit 2 Lesson 2



# Understanding and Analyzing Arguments

## **Definition:**

An argument is a persuasive expression of an opinion or viewpoint on an issue backed by reasons and evidence.

## **Components:**

**Claim:** The writer's assertion or stance on the topic.

**Support:** Reasons, evidence, and examples that justify the claim.


**Counterargument:** Anticipates and responds to opposing viewpoints to strengthen the argument.

## **Steps to Analysis:**

**Identify the Claim:** Determine the main argument or thesis presented by the author.

**Evaluate Support:** Analyze the reasons, evidence, and examples used to support the claim.

**Examine Counterarguments:** Look for acknowledgment of opposing views and how they are addressed.



# Understanding and Analyzing Historical Documents

## Definition of Historical Document:

A historical document is a primary source that provides firsthand accounts or records of past events, often written during or shortly after the events occurred.

## Approach to Analysis:

Analyzing historical documents involves examining how authors construct arguments to convey perspectives on events or ideas.

Consider the context, author's background, and intended audience for deeper understanding.

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