

Building

ARGUMENTATIVE

Writing

NEWS VS STORIES



Language Arts



INTRODUCTION

Arguments are a part of every day life and they can be used for many purposes - to change someone's point of view, to promote social action, or to ask an audience to accept the writer's stance on a concept, issue or problem.

Writers use different tools to help you agree with them. We'll learn how to spot these tools in news articles and stories.



TYPES OF REASONING



Logical

Uses facts, proof, and numbers



Emotional

Uses feelings, stories, and sympathy



Ethical

Talks about what's right or fair



LOGICAL REASONING IN NEWS ARTICLES

- Uses facts and proof
- Numbers and statistics
- Experts or scientists

Example:

- “85% of ocean pollution comes from plastic,” scientists say.



LOGICAL REASONING IN STORIES

- Shows cause and effect
- Realistic events
- Smart choices by characters

Example:

- In Charlotte's Web, Charlotte explains how her web-writing will save Wilbur.



EMOTIONAL REASONING IN NEWS ARTICLES

- Uses personal stories
- Quotes from real people
- Talks about feelings

Example:

- “Ten-year-old Sarah was overjoyed when her community built a new playground.”



EMOTIONAL REASONING IN STORIES

- Describes how characters feel
- Makes the reader care
- Uses powerful language

Example:

- We feel sad when a character loses their best friend in a story.



ETHICAL REASONING IN NEWS ARTICLES

- Talks about fairness and rights
- Shows what's good for the community
- Discusses helping others

Example:

- An article about rescuing homeless pets.



ETHICAL REASONING IN STORIES

- Shows moral decisions
- Helps teach life lessons
- Makes you think about right and wrong

Example:

- A story about a student standing up to a bully.



Putting it

TOGETHER

Writers often use all 3 types of reasoning!

- News = 🧠 + ❤️ + ⚖️ (but starts with facts)
- Stories = ❤️ + ⚖️ + 🧠 (focus on feelings)
- Look for facts, feelings, and fairness in everything you read!





Try it

YOURSELF

Mini Writing Challenge:

- Write 3 sentences to convince your teacher to give you an extra recess.

Use:

- 🧠 One logical reason
- ❤️ One emotional reason
- ⚖️ One ethical reason

OR: Read a short article and highlight each type with a different color!

ELEMENTS

