



Claim, Evidence, Reasoning

How to cite your sources!



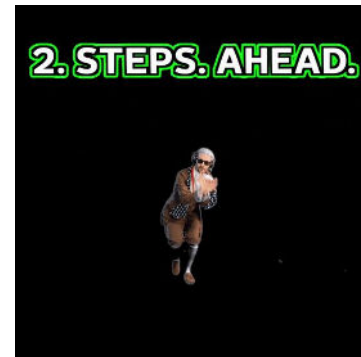
It's so fun to win an argument, right?



But, what do you do if you want to argue a point, but you don't know enough about it to provide evidence?



Taking your CER a step further...



You learned how to use CER to create excellent arguments.

Let's learn how to add another layer by doing research to enhance the argument you want to make.

We will start by looking at our basic graphic organizer, and then taking a look at the more detailed organizer you will try.



Basic CER Graphic Organizer

CER GRAPHIC ORGANIZER		
Claim	Evidence	Reasoning

CER Graphic Organizer with Sources



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	Credible Sources		
Conclude	CONCLUSION: Summarize your argument and reinforce your claim here.		



Sources

- Books
- Magazine articles
- Online Encyclopedia
- YouTube
- Online magazine articles
- E-books
- Interviews (online or in person)





Learning about your topic

Let's try learning about an interesting topic.

What if we researched how much sleep kids need per day.

Would that be an interesting topic?





Avoid using AI as your research

Did you see something like this?

◆ AI Overview

Yes, **many children do not get the amount of sleep they need**, and this can negatively impact their physical and mental health, as well as their ability to learn and function well. Recommended sleep durations vary by age, but generally range from 10 to 16 hours for younger children and 8 to 10 hours for teenagers. [🔗](#)

Why is sleep so important for kids?

Brain Development:

Sleep is crucial for brain development, especially in early childhood. It supports cognitive functions like learning, memory, and problem-solving. [🔗](#)

Physical Health:

Insufficient sleep can impact weight management, increase the risk of obesity, and

A good source of information...

kidshealth.org/en/kids/not-tired.html



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What Sleep Is and Why All Kids Need It

en español: [Qué es el sueño y por qué es necesario que duerman todos los niños](#)

Medically reviewed by: [Mary L. Gavin, MD](#)

Listen Print

Why Do I Need Sleep?

Sleep is more important than you may think. The average kid has a busy day. There's school, taking care of your pets, running around with friends, going to sports practice or other activities, and doing your [homework](#). By the end of the day, your body needs a break. Sleep lets your body get rest for the next day.

Everything that's alive needs sleep to survive. Even your dog or cat curls up for nap. Animals sleep for the same reason you do... to give your

MORE ON THIS TOPIC FOR:

[Kids](#)

[Time for Bed?](#)

[Nightmares](#)

[Why Do I Need to Sleep?](#)

[Why Do I Yawn?](#)



Writing down my evidence...

What did I learn?

I learned that...

Most kids don't get enough sleep. Kids 5 to 12 years old need 9 to 12 hours each night. Not every kid is the same and some kids need more sleep than others.

Can you think of a time when you didn't get enough sleep? That heavy, groggy feeling is awful and, when you feel that way, you're not at your best. Without enough sleep, kids can feel moody, tired, or cranky. It might be hard to pay attention or follow directions. School work that's

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Where did that come from?



“If someone else owns it, I have to give credit for it!”



Giving credit informally

1. Informal:

kidshealth.org

2. Formal:

Gavin, Mary. “What Sleep Is and Why All Kids Need It (for Kids) - KidsHealth.” Kidshealth.org, 2016,
kidshealth.org/en/kids/not-tired.html.

Using MyBib (Part 1)

1. Go to [MyBib.com](https://mybib.com)
2. Create a free google account
3. Click on the title of the project and change it to the name of this project
4. Click on the green +Citation button
5. Go to the website you want to use and click on the URL at the top, copy it
6. Paste the URL into the MyBib window and enter



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Using MyBib (Part 2)

7. Click the small > to the right of the citation and click “yes” until your citation appears
8. Hover over the three dots next to your citation and click copy bibliographic enter
9. Paste the citation into your graphic organizer!

Here is a short YouTube video that shows you how as well! <https://youtu.be/Uu5Yyuj7Fck?si=2XrziXmvP4vq9i5E>

Mr. C. “How to Use

MyBib.” Youtu.be, 16 Jan. 2025, youtu.be/Uu5Yyuj7Fck?si=2XrziXmvP4vq9i5E. Accessed 31 July 2025.





Include it in your writing (Part 2)

If you have just one source for your research:

1. Informal: write your sources in parentheses right after the evidence

Example - (kidshealth.org)





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2. Formal:

- a. Download your sources from MyBib on a separate sheet of paper and print, include it with your writing
- b. Hover over the MyBib citation on the three dots to the right, click copy in-text citation
 - i. Copy this shortened citation right after your facts in your writing

You DID it!

Congratulations!



What you just learned is something you can use throughout your career as a student. You are now a leader in good research and giving credit!

I'm so proud of you!

