

Evidence-Based Discussion

Mighty Muskrats: The Case of the Windy Lake - Grade 5 - Short lesson

TIME

OBJECTIVE

PRODUCT

10 minutes Make and defend a claim about whether the search location should A spoken claim with two change. evidence-based reasons and a response to one counterpoint.

Essential question: Once the Muskrats assembled these clues, was there enough evidence to move the search away from the delta and snake pits?

Materials	Text to mark
• The book	• Passage 8 - Deliver the spoken response.

- Prepared passages: Passage 8, Passage 9, Passage 11, Passage 12
- Student response materials

Lesson sequence

1 Name the claim - 2 min State the claim.

Prepared text:	Passages 8, 9, 11, 12
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- Passage 9 - Deliver the spoken response.
- Passage 11 - Deliver the spoken response.
- Passage 12 - Deliver the spoken response.

2 Work the evidence - 5 min Give two reasons and one counterpoint.

Prepared text:	Passages 8, 9, 11, 12 3 Make the student product - 3 min Deliver the spoken response.
Prepared text:	Passages 8, 9, 11, 12

Teacher key

The search should move because weather can explain the boat's drift, the hawk can explain the rope, and Mrs. Fish only uncertainly recalls an earlier visit to the snake pits.

Support & extension

Above: Present the strongest argument for continuing at the snake pits, then rebut it with the cited evidence.

Assessment

- Answers the question directly.
- Uses at least two cited details.
- Acknowledges Mrs. Fish's uncertainty.