

Tool Guidelines

1. Log in to project.

Teacher ID:

Team ID:

Password:

2. Click the project name to enter the case.

3. Working with your partner, determine which of your team’s pieces of evidence are the most credible.

4. Input your team’s 10 most credible pieces of evidence.

Complete the following for each of the chosen pieces of evidence:

- Input the summarizing sentence in the Summary section.
- Input the quote in the Explanation section.
- Input the URL address in the Source section.
- Rate it.

Rating					
Author	Individual	Individual or Expert	Creditable Author	Expert in the field	Expert in the field
Sponsoring Organization	None	Biased Organization	Unbiased Organization	Credible Organization	Credible Organization
How strong is the quote?	Based on opinion	Opinion based slant	Gives both pros and cons of the usage	Factually based	Facts that are statistically supported

5. Discuss with your partner and create a claim that is supported by your evidence not your opinion.

Choose one of the following statements for your claim and insert your issue in the blank:

- _____ *should be freely used without limitations.*
 _____ *should be used with the following limitations ...*
 _____ *should be banned from use.*

6. Drag each piece of evidence one at a time over to the area supporting (green) or not supporting (red) the claim.

- Discuss with your partner how well the piece of evidence supports or doesn’t support the claim.
- Rate it.

Rating					
What was the evidence rated	1-2	1-2	3	4	5
How does it support or not support the claim?	Weakly	Fairly	Strongly	Strongly	Strongly

c. Write a through explanation based on your discussion.

7. Continue inputting the remaining nine pieces of evidence as you did in Step 6.
8. Write a through explanation for why you chose your claim.
9. Finish by ranking how strongly your claim is supported.

Ranking					
Number of pieces supporting evidence	0-1	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-10
Number of pieces not supporting evidence	8-10	6-7	4-5	2-3	0-1
How strong is the quality of supporting evidence	The supporting evidence has a quality rating of 3 or less.	The supporting evidences have a quality rating of 3 or less.	Three or more pieces of supporting evidences have a quality rating of 4 or higher.	Four or more pieces of supporting evidences have a quality rating of 4 or higher.	Six or more pieces of supporting evidences have a quality rating of 4 or higher.