

Do Now

A gerund phrase is a verb phrase ending in -ing. They are always used as nouns. Identify the gerunds in the following sentences.

1. Reading gave her hours of enjoyment.
2. Many siblings are guilty of fighting but they usually reconcile quickly.



Reading Arguments

Argument writing should

- ✓ Have a clearly stated **claim**
- ✓ Use logical **reasoning**
- ✓ Be supported by **evidence** (examples, statistics, facts, etc.)

We are going to read five arguments and evaluate them based on these criteria.



What the Brain Says about Maturity (pg. 236)

1. Where is his claim in the text? What is the claim?
2. Why did he structure it that way?
3. What examples (evidence) does he give in lines 27-31?

Leave the Voting Age Alone (pgs. 237-238)

4. Reread lines 44-45. Rewrite her claim in your own words.
5. According to the text, why was the voting age originally 21? Why was it changed? (Explain in your own words and cite line numbers)
6. She states a second claim in lines 75-81. What is this second claim and how did she support it?

Better Training for New Drivers (pg. 239)

7. What is the author's claim?
8. What reasons are given to support the claim?

A Parent's Role... (pg. 240)

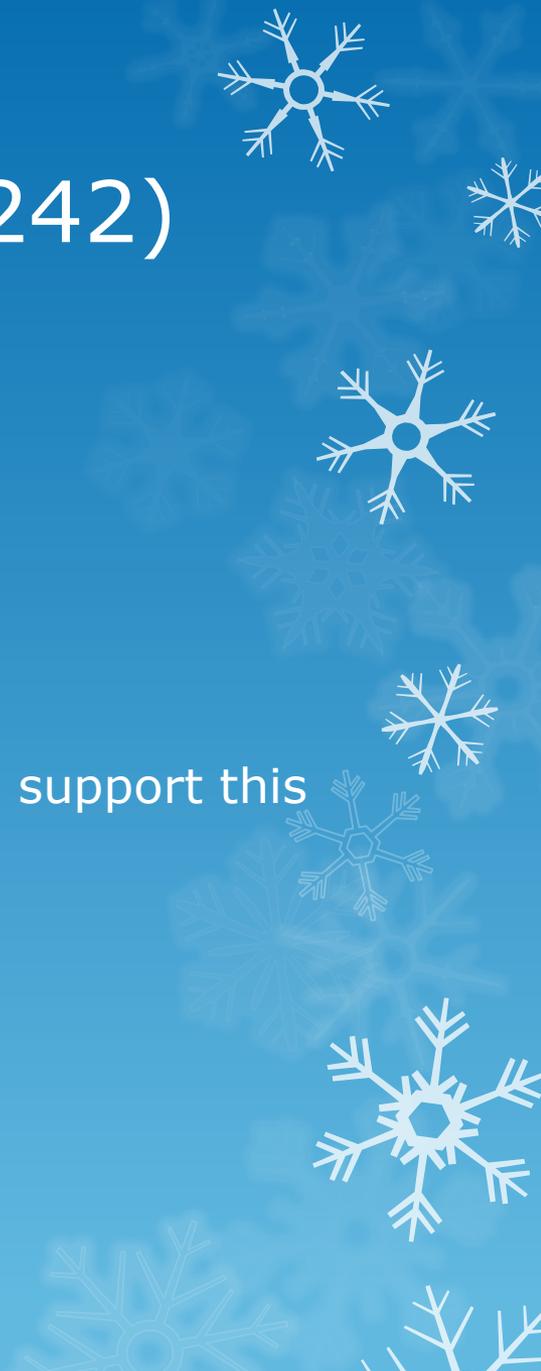
Relevant evidence supports the claim in a logical way.

Irrelevant evidence does not have a logical connection to the claim.

10. What two pieces of evidence are found in lines 136-145? Explain why each is relevant or irrelevant.

11. Is the bar graph on page 241 relevant or irrelevant to the claim? Explain.

Mandatory Service... (pg. 242)



12. What is the claim?

13. Does the author give sufficient evidence to support this claim? Explain.

Exit Ticket

- Of the five pieces we read today, which was the **worst** example of argument writing based on our criteria. Explain your answer.

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