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Module 4

Matching Reasons, Evidence, and Explanations

Grade 3 · Cluster 3

Tackling TEKS · Reading & Writing

3.12B



★ Meet Our Week!

Week 4 · Very High Stamina

★ Daily Deck

I Will...

- I will choose evidence that connects to and supports my reason.
- I will use CSI to infer what my evidence proves.
- I will introduce a quotation with a signal marker.
- I will explain evidence with a clear "This..." sentence.

I Can...

- I can tell whether a quote matches my reason.
- I can use CSI to check my evidence.
- I can use a signal marker before a quote.
- I can explain how my quote proves my reason.



You Are a Reason-Prover!

Day 1 · Gather & Reveal

★ Daily Deck

Why We Need Laws; The Lunchroom Discoveries

poem; drama

**How can I choose evidence that matches my reason
and explain how the evidence proves it?**

A writer cannot just point at a reason and hope everyone believes it.

Hey, hey, hey, evidence is on the way!



★ Dot the Tricky Words

Day 1 · Gather & Reveal

★ Daily Deck

D

Dot

Place a small dot above any word you are not sure about yet.

O

Discover

Discover the meaning as we learn together through our lessons.

T

Drop

Erase the dot once you know what the word means.

A little dot above a word means:
“I’m not sure about this word yet.”

Dot the word. Discover the meaning. Drop the dot, then celebrate when you own it!

C

Connect

Does this quote connect to my reason?

S

Support

Does this quote support my thinking clearly?

I

Infer

What can I explain from this quote?

Use the source-appropriate evidence marker.

Choosing proof with purpose helps your reader follow your thinking.

★ Watch Me Prove It!

Day 1 · Reveal (cont.)

★ Daily Deck

CSI for Evidence

Does this quote connect to my reason?

Does this quote support my thinking clearly?

What can I explain from this quote?

Watch Me!

Prompt: Reason: One reason laws were needed was to stop arguments and prevent conflict from spreading.

Model: The poet said, "Voices grew loud like clashing, noisy rings."

Loud voices reveal escalating arguments.

★ CSI Match-Up Mission

Day 2 · Attempt · Partner Game

★ Daily Deck

Why We Need Laws; The Lunchroom Discoveries

How to Play

- 1 Spin and draw a matching card.
- 2 Find a reason, evidence, and explanation that belong together.
- 3 Say "CSI Check!" and justify the set.
- 4 Introduce the quote with a signal marker and read the explanation.
- 5 Move Pencil Guy 3 spaces for a correct, justified match.

Success Check: *Does the evidence support this reason?*

Sample Card

Task Card

One reason laws were needed was to protect fairness for everyone.

Answer

The poet said, "Some took more food while others had too little."

How do you know if evidence really matches a reason?

Why is it important to quote the text directly?

What job does the signal marker do?

Why is explanation needed after evidence?

What does the reader learn from your explanation that the quotation alone does not say?

Student Directions: “Tell your partner how the quote connects to the reason.”



Proof Turns Into Meaning

Day 3 · Discuss (cont.)

★ Daily Deck

A quote is proof, but explanation turns proof into meaning.

**Quote is
proof**

**Explanation turns proof into
meaning**

**Signal marker opens the
door**

The explanation shows how the quote proves the reason.



★ Try It On Your Own!

Day 3 · Use (Independent Practice) · Interactive Notebook

1

One reason laws were needed was to protect fairness for everyone. Find the quote, add a signal marker, and explain it starting with This.

2

One reason pasteurized milk is important is that it helps protect people from sickness. Find the quote, add a signal marker, and explain it.

3

Use CSI to select each quote, introduce it with a source-appropriate signal marker, and explain its match.

Divide your notebook page into Reason | Evidence | Explanation.

★ Award & Target!

Day 4 · Award & Target

★ Daily Deck

Award 🏆

Point to a match you can defend.

- I Chose Proof With Purpose!
- One match I can defend in my own writing is:
- My reason, quote, and explanation work together because:

Target 🎯

This shows that fairness had broken down because some people took more food than they needed while others were left without enough.

Curiosity Questions

Did my evidence match my reason?



Exit Ticket

Day 5 · Educate & Explain to Others

★ Daily Deck

One reason pasteurized milk is important is that it helps protect people from sickness.

On your own: write one signal marker, a matching quotation, and an explanation beginning with This.

Use CSI silently to check that the quote connects, supports, and gives you something to infer.





Prove It Step by Step

Small-Group Support

★ Daily Deck

Choose from two or three read-aloud evidence cards; build with The poet said, "... " and This shows...

Read two or three evidence cards aloud.

Students choose the quotation that best matches the reason.

Rehearse "My reason is... My quote is... This shows..."

My reason is... My quote is... This shows...

We will prove it step by step.



One Reason, Many Ways to Explain

Enrichment · Write in your notebook

Write two explanations for the same reason and quotation. Decide which more clearly proves lasting importance and justify the choice with CSI.

One reason Pasteur's discovery is important is that it continues to protect people.

Select drama line 13
or another matching
quotation.

Introduce it with a
signal marker.

Compare the lasting
protection in the
drama with the rights
shared by everyone in
poem line 14.



★ My Progress Tracker

This tracker is for **YOU!** As you read and write this week, look at each skill. If you can do it all by yourself, color in the box that matches how you feel. Be honest, this helps you see how much you are growing!

I Can...	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Tell whether a quote matches my reason.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Use CSI: Connect, Support, Infer.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Choose evidence that clearly supports my thinking.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Use a signal marker before a quotation.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Copy the quotation accurately.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Explain how my quote proves my reason.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Revise a vague explanation to make the connection clear.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!
Match each reason, quotation, and explanation in a full independent ECR.	Not Yet	Getting It	I've Got It!

★ Citizenship Connection

Good Citizens · Our Community & Country

★ Self-government and responsible citizenship

Communities write laws so everyone is treated fairly, and scientists share discoveries so everyone can stay healthy. Both are ways people take care of one another.

Reflect & Discuss

How do fair rules and shared knowledge help a community keep people safe?

Let's Look at an Answer!

Prompt: Explain WHY laws were needed in "Why We Need Laws."

LOW

"Laws were needed."

What Is Working: Named the topic.

What Needs Improvement: A precise reason, matching evidence, and explanation.

Let's Look at Another Answer!

Prompt: Explain WHY laws were needed in "Why We Need Laws."

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"Laws were needed because people were not fair. The poet said, 'Some took more food while others had too little.'"

What Is Working: The reason and quotation match, and a signal marker introduces relevant evidence.

What Needs Improvement: The writer has not explained how the quotation proves the reason.

Our Strongest Answer!

Prompt: Explain WHY laws were needed in "Why We Need Laws."

HIGH

"One reason laws were needed was to protect fairness for everyone. The poet said, 'Some took more food while others had too little.' This shows that fairness had broken down because some people had more than they needed while others were left without enough."

What Is Working: Names the exact idea to prove. Introduces an accurate quotation that directly supports fairness. Interprets the unequal food and makes the reason/evidence connection visible.

Teacher Notes: CSI check: the food detail connects to fair treatment, supports the claim that fairness had broken down, and allows an inference about unequal access to what people need. The writer selected proof with purpose.

★ **This is our target!**