

Good Morning Board: Grade 4, Cluster 4, Module 1

The Writing Academy | CREATURES Foundation

Day	GRADUATE Stage	Yesterday We Learned	Today We Will...	Passage(s)	Supplies	Quick Think	Thinking Level
1	Gather + Reveal	First day of Cluster 4! Build the foundation of a strong argument.	Introduce the CREATURES roadmap: C for Claim, R for Reasons, E for Evidence.	"The Wealth of Mansa Musa" / "Four Regions, One Big Adventure"	Passage, pencil, highlighter	What do the letters C, R, and E in CREATURES stand for?	Foundational
2	Attempt	Learned C, R, and E in the CREATURES roadmap.	Connect the Foundation to CREATURES by matching evidence cards to reasons and building C, R, E in order.	"The Wealth of Mansa Musa" / "Four Regions, One Big Adventure"	Passage, pencil, colored pencils	Why does the Claim come before the Reasons in an argument?	Emergent
3	Discuss + Use	Matched evidence cards to reasons and built C, R, E in order.	Discuss what makes a claim defensible, then independently write a claim with two reasons and one piece of evidence per reason.	"The Wealth of Mansa Musa" / "Four Regions, One Big Adventure"	Passage, pencil, workbook	What is the difference between a claim and a thesis (central idea)?	Visible
4	Award + Target	Wrote an independent claim with two reasons and evidence for each.	Recognize accurate claim, reason, and evidence work, then revise a weak reason.	"The Wealth of Mansa Musa" / "Four Regions, One Big Adventure"	Pencil, workbook	How can you tell when a reason is too weak to support a claim?	Independent
5	Educate + Explain	Recognized accurate work and revised a weak reason.	Teach a partner the first three CREATURES letters and explain why each piece matters.	Transfer passage	Pencil, workbook, exit ticket	Why does an argument need more than one reason?	Reflective