

Good Morning Board: Grade 5, Cluster 4, Module 3

The Writing Academy | Understanding Others and Building an Evidence-Based Rebuttal

Day	GRADUATE Stage	Yesterday We Learned	Today We Will...	Passage(s)	Supplies	Quick Think	Thinking Level
1	Gather + Reveal	Last module, we taught the line-of-argument habit and wrote a final connected argument.	Gather two passage viewpoints. Learn the U-R two-step habit: mirror another viewpoint fairly, then respond with evidence.	"The Garden That Wouldn't Grow" and "Words That Changed a Nation"	Passage, Pencil, Highlighter	Why should a writer understand the other side before trying to argue against it?	Foundational
2	Attempt	We learned the U-R two-step (mirror fairly, then respond with evidence) for building rebuttals.	Practice the mirror-first, respond-second habit. Write a fair representation of the opposing view before building a rebuttal.	"The Garden That Wouldn't Grow" and "Words That Changed a Nation"	Passage, Pencil, Two-column chart	What happens to your argument when you do not represent the other side fairly?	Emergent
3	Discuss + Use	We practiced mirroring the opposing view fairly before building an evidence-based rebuttal.	Independently mirror a viewpoint and build a rebuttal using evidence from both passages. Check fairness and accuracy.	"The Garden That Wouldn't Grow" and "Words That Changed a Nation"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook	How do you check whether your mirror of the other side is fair and accurate?	Visible
4	Award + Target	We independently mirrored viewpoints and built rebuttals, then checked for fairness and accuracy.	Award a strength in fair representation or rebuttal quality. Revise a weak rebuttal so it uses evidence rather than opinion.	"The Garden That Wouldn't Grow" and "Words That Changed a Nation"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook	What is the difference between a rebuttal based on evidence and one based only on opinion?	Independent
5	Educate + Explain	We awarded rebuttal strengths and revised weak rebuttals to rely on evidence instead of opinion.	Teach the mirror-and-respond habit to a partner. Write a complete rebuttal paragraph and answer the overarching question.	"The Garden That Wouldn't Grow" and "Words That Changed a Nation"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook, Exit ticket	How does understanding another viewpoint actually make your own argument stronger?	Reflective