**DEFINITIONS**

**Claim:** 1.) A debatable statement that something is true or is the case.

OR

2.) A statement that must be proven before you accept it as true (*this type of claim is often used in math)*

**Evidence:** Any factual information presented to support a claim.

Proven and undisputable facts are not claims because claims MUST be debatable. Instead, proven facts are used as pieces of evidence to help a person show that their claim is true or correct. The evidence is used to support the claim.



Like the legs of a stool, strong evidence “holds up” or supports your claim.

Claim

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**EXAMPLES**

**Claim:** Spinach is better for you than chocolate.

**Evidence:**

1. One cup of spinach only has 7 calories while only 1 ounce of dark chocolate has 150 calories.
2. Chocolate has caffeine in it, but spinach does not.
3. One cup of spinach only has .1 gram of fat while only 1 ounce of dark chocolate has 9 grams of fat.

**Claim:** In geography, a place may change over time.

**Evidence:**

1. A glacier caused the formation of Yosemite Valley in CA.
2. The Grand Canyon exists today due to the erosion of rock over time caused by the fast-moving waters of the Colorado River.
3. Most of Boston was marsh and water before people filled it in so they could live there.