



**Baseline Assessment: Skill 1**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

1a. Fill in the blanks using two words from the word bank below.

A complete argument includes both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) (2)

<p><u>Word bank:</u></p> <p>Hypothesis Claim Introduction Opinion Conclusion Warrant Fact Findings</p>
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1b. Briefly define each of the words that you put in the blanks above.

Word 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition:

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Word 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Which of the following statements is a complete argument? Circle one answer only.

- (a) The shortest side of any triangle is always across from its smallest angle.
- (b) Charles Darwin was the most important thinker of the past 300 years.
- (c) Columbus didn't discover America because Native Americans were here before him.
- (d) Factoring is the most commonly used method for solving quadratic equations.

3. Which of the following statements is a complete argument? Circle one answer only.

- (a) Young adults should be allowed to vote and drive when they are 14 years old.
- (b) A shape with 4 sides cannot be a triangle because triangles always have 3 sides.
- (c) A cell is the smallest unit that is considered to be a living thing.
- (d) It is more important for Americans to learn to speak Spanish than any other language.

4. Which of the following statements is an incomplete argument? Circle one answer only.

- (a) Oxygen is one of the most common elements found in the human body.
- (b) Earthquakes are worse than hurricanes because they are harder to predict.
- (c) The bill could not be \$25 because we only ordered 2 meals at \$5 each.
- (d) Guns should not be banned since the Constitution gives the right to bear arms.

5. Which of the following statements is an incomplete argument? Circle one answer only.

- (a) Lungs are the most important organs in the human body since we need them to breathe.
- (b) Graphs are a much better way to display information than tables or text.
- (c) Year-round schooling is good for learning given that students forget a lot over the summer.
- (d) Fish are not reptiles because they always live underwater, but reptiles can breathe on land.

6. Think about the following question:

**Should high schools require that students wear uniforms to school?**

In one or two sentences, make a complete argument that responds to this question.

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