



# EVIDENCE AND BIAS

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## FACTS

Statements that can be proved (true or false)

## OPINIONS

a statement of personal belief, feeling, or thought,  
which does not require proof of evidence

# FACTUAL CLAIM

A statement that can be proved from evidence such as fact, personal observation, reliable source, or an expert's opinion

# COMMONPLACE ASSERTION

A statement that so many people assume to be true, but which is not necessarily true

# BIAS

The side of an issue that a writer favors

Examples:

A teacher writing about student behavior in schools vs. a politician writing about student behavior in schools.

Perspective affects bias

Perspective: a way of looking at or thinking about something

# LOADED LANGUAGE

Words that are strongly positive or negative

Loaded Language has a positive or negative connotation

Connotation- an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning

# EXAMPLES

Sharks are majestic animals.

Sharks are ferocious animals.