HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS

This unit is in the format of a **Compressed File**. Files are organized so you can easily browse through the materials and find everything you need to print or e-mail for each day.

The materials are organized into three folders:

UNIT PLAN

- Unit Plan
- Model Tools

The **model claims and tools** are meant only to illustrate the process, NOT to shape textual analysis. *It is essential that both teachers and students develop claims based on their own analysis and class discussion*. Teachers are encouraged to develop their own claims in the blank tools to use with students when modeling the process.

HANDOUTS

- Forming Evidence-Based Claims Handout
- Writing Evidence-Based Claims Handout
- Evidence-Based Claims Criteria Checklists I and II
- Evidence-Based Writing Rubric
- Text-Centered Discussion Checklist

TOOLS and **CHECKLISTS** have been created as *editable PDF forms.* With the free version of Adobe Reader, students and teachers are able to type in them and save their work for recording and e-mailing. This allows students and teachers to work either with paper and pencil or electronically according to their strengths and needs. It also allows teachers to collect and organize student work for evaluation and formative assessment.

TOOLS

- Forming Evidence-Based Claims
- Making Evidence-Based Claims
- Organizing Evidence-Based Claims
- Written Evidence-Based Claim

If you decide to **PRINT** materials, please note that you can print them at *actual size*, without enabling the auto-fit function. All materials can be printed either in color or in black and white.

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