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Analyzing a Claim in a Text about Edward Jenner



Lesson Question



Lesson Goals								
	Read "Edward Jenner and the History of Smallpox and Vaccination."							
Follow the	of	Find an information central	nal text's	Determine how well the supports the central claim.				



Words to Know

Write th	ne letter of	the definition	next to the	matching	word as	s you wor	k through	the
lesson.	You may u	ise the glossa	ry to help y	ou.				

effective	A.	timeline or sequence of events

- evidence B. argumentative idea or point
- chronology C. successful at achieving the desired effect
- claim D. support for a claim

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New Ideas
The image of a lightbulb turning on is often used as a of:
suddenly getting an idea for an or product.
having a when working on a challenging problem.
having an important .
Have you ever had your own "lightbulb moment"?

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Analyzing a Text That Makes a Claim

Identify the central claim.

The **claim** is the argumentative or point

the text is making.

Find and analyze the supporting evidence.

The evidence is the for a claim.

To find evidence. decide which

information is

and

which is irrelevant.

Evaluate how well the central claim is supported.

Evaluating a text means

> whether the text is **effective** at supporting its claim.

Finding the Claim

Underline the key details in the first paragraph that support the passage's central claim.

For many centuries, smallpox devastated mankind. In modern times we do not have to worry about it thanks to the remarkable work of Edward Jenner and later developments from his endeavors. With the rapid pace of vaccine development in recent decades, the historic origins of immunization are often forgotten....

Edward Jenner is well known around the world for his innovative contribution to immunization and the ultimate eradication of smallpox. Jenner's work is widely regarded as the foundation of immunology - despite the fact that he was neither the first to suggest that infection with cowpox conferred specific immunity to smallpox nor the first to attempt cowpox inoculation for this purpose.

> -"Edward Jenner and the History of Smallpox and Vaccination," Stefan Riedel

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Chronological Text Structure						
A chronology is a of events presented in the order in which they happened.						
Chronological order presents information beginning with						
events and proceeding to events.						
Texts that recount historical or incidents in a person's life are often organized chronologically.						
The structure is good for showing how an idea develops or changes .						

Reading a Chronological Text

Underline the details in the text that indicate a chronological structure.

The origin of smallpox as a natural disease is lost in prehistory. It is believed to have appeared around 10,000 BC, at the time of the first agricultural settlements in northeastern Africa. It seems plausible that it spread from there to India by means of ancient Egyptian merchants. The earliest evidence of skin lesions resembling those of smallpox is found on faces of mummies from the time of the 18th and 20th Egyptian Dynasties (1570–1085 BC). The mummified head of the Egyptian pharaoh Ramses V (died 1156 BC) bears evidence of the disease.

-"Edward Jenner and the History of Smallpox and Vaccination,"

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Edward Jenner (1749–1823)
Was born in Gloucestershire, England
Was a surgeon's
Became interested in the relationship between
Developed the first for smallpox
Became known as the "father of "

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Determining the Effectiveness of Evidence

The claim:

 Although many people worked to fight smallpox, Jenner has been given credit for starting and spreading the practice of immunization.

The evidence:

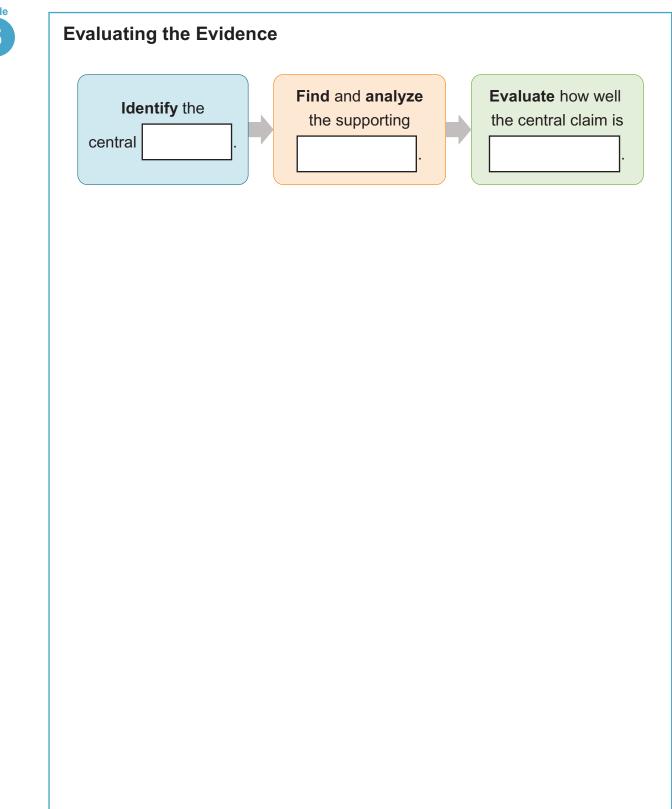
- Others brought inoculation to England.
- Others connected cowpox and smallpox.
- Jenner decided to intentionally infect people with cowpox to prevent smallpox.
- Jenner created the smallpox vaccine.

The		claim in the text:	"Although man	y people work to fight		
smallpox, Jenner has been given credit for starting and spreading the practice of immunization."						
 Even though others had introduced inoculation to England and others knew that people who had cowpox were less likely to get smallpox, Jenner had the "lightbulb" idea of giving people cowpox in a small dose before they got smallpox. 						
•	Because	of this, Jenner cre	ated and share	ed the smallpox vaccine.		
When added together, each of these builds to show why Jenner						
has been given credit for starting and spreading the practice of immunization.						
 Even though others had made connections between cowpox and smallpox, Jenner figured out that by intentionally infecting someone with cowpox he could prevent smallpox and this led to the vaccine. 						
•	This evidence is effective at showing that Jenner has been given credit					
	for starting	g the practice of				

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Summary

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Lesson Question

What steps should you take to identify and analyze the central claim of an informational text?



Use this space to write any questions or thoughts about this lesson.