

## CLAIM REVIEW

- An opinion that expresses a clear answer
- Should clearly answer the thesis of the paper with a specific reason.
- Should not be a restatement of the thesis
- Should be able to be supported with several pieces of evidence
- Should be something that small enough to prove with a couple of pieces of evidence

## TYPES OF CLAIMS

**Claims of fact or definition:** These claims argue about what the definition of something is or whether something is a settled fact.

**Claims of cause and effect:** These claims argue that one person, thing, or event caused another thing or event to occur.

**Claims about value:** These are claims made about what something is worth, whether we value it or not, how we would rate or categorize something.

**Claims about solutions or policies:** These are claims that argue for or against a certain solution or policy approach to a problem.

## PRACTICE

Thesis: Sacrificing for others is part of our nature.

Using this thesis statement, create two claims that answer and support your thesis. They should give specific reasons why your thesis statement is true and meet each of the requirements of a solid claim that we discussed.

## EVIDENCE

- Does not contain personal opinion
- Is either a quote or a specific example

## GOOD INTERPRETATION....

- Fills in the blanks between your claim and evidence (proof of your proof)
- Can be stories, anecdotes, or explanations of quotes
- Should end by going back to the claim

## INTERPRETATION SHOULD

- NOT restate or summarize the piece of evidence
- NOT be vague or unclear
- NOT be incomplete. Explain to a point where the full point has been made
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