Standards Relating to Text Types and Purposes

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### Student Friendly Language

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I can conclude my writing effectively when writing an argument.
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- Support
- Establish
- Maintain
- Provide
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- Claim
- Evidence
- Opposing claim
- Counterclaim
- Rebuttal
- Credible source
- Transitional words
- Logical
- Formal style
- Cohesion

7.W.2
- Introduce
- Develop
- Establish
- Maintain
- Provide
- Explanatory
- Relevant
- Multimedia
- Organizational strategies (e.g., comparison/contrast, classification, definition, cause/effect, etc.)
- Transitional words
- Domain-specific vocabulary
- Formal style
- Formatting
- Graphics
- Concluding statement

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- Orient
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- Narrative
- Event sequences
- Context
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- Conclusion

Relevance and Applications: How might the skills in the standards be applied at home, on the job or in a real-world, relevant context?

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