

CLAIM TESTING: IMPERIALISM

Purpose

Apply what you know about authority, logic, intuition, and evidence to write supporting statements for claims, and then craft counterclaims. By doing so, you'll be gaining experience in supporting your own claims with evidence—which will promote your development as a reader, writer, and critical thinker.

Process

- For each claim below, write **two** supporting statements *and* a counterclaim, using evidence from this unit. Reminder: A counterclaim is a statement or argument that goes against a claim and offers an opposing viewpoint.

Claim 1: *Imperialism developed because Europeans wanted economic gain from new colonies.*

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	
Counterclaim	

Claim 2: *Imperialist nations used direct rule to establish governments and administrations in conquered areas.*

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	

CLAIM TESTING: IMPERIALISM

Counterclaim	
--------------	--

Claim 3: *Technological advancements allowed European nations to conquer and maintain control over areas that had previously been beyond their reach.*

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	
Counterclaim	

Claim 4: *Nationalism was the main cause for imperialist expansion.*

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	
Counterclaim	

CLAIM TESTING: IMPERIALISM

2. Review the supporting statements you wrote. Circle the one you think is strongest. Explain why you made that selection.



3. Review the counterclaims you wrote. Circle the one you think is strongest. Explain why you made that selection.

