

FAMILY PACKET

Family Packet, Grade 5, Cluster 4, Module 4: Completing the Argument with Ending, Significance, and the Full CREATURES Response

A warm, plain language guide to what your student is learning this week, with easy ways to talk and work together at home. **Every page is in English and Spanish.**

Welcome, families. This week your student is completing an opinion and argumentative response. The module focuses on E for Ending and S for Significance in the CREATURES memory map, and then on the full CREATURES response. Students write an Ending that reinforces the Claim and a Significance statement, called the Bluebird Moment, that explains why the position matters beyond the paper. This packet shows you what is happening in class, the words your student is learning, the thinking tool your student uses, and simple ways to help from home.

Ask your student to teach you what they learned. Teaching it out loud is part of how the learning sticks.

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1 Family Letter

Dear Families,

This week your student is completing an opinion and argumentative response. The module focuses on E for Ending and S for Significance in the CREATURES memory map, and then on the full CREATURES response. Your student will write an Ending that reinforces the Claim and synthesizes the strongest reasoning. The Significance statement, called the Bluebird Moment, explains why the position matters beyond the paper.

We are reading "The Garden That Wouldn't Grow," about Kendrix learning that careful observation and Evidence are more reliable than acting on a first guess, and "Words That Changed a Nation," about the 1776 Declaration of Independence, natural rights, and the continuing conversation about freedom and equality.

Ask your student to show how a purposeful Ending differs from a repeated introduction. Ask which Evidence supports the Bluebird Moment.

With appreciation,

Your student's teacher

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ASK FOR A DEMONSTRATION

Ask your student to show you the Ending and the Bluebird Moment, and to point to the Evidence that supports the Significance. If your student can teach it, the skill is sticking.

2 Family Tip Sheet

The skill, in plain words

Your student is learning to finish an argument with a purposeful Ending and a grounded Significance. The Ending synthesizes the strongest reasoning instead of repeating the introduction. The Significance, called the Bluebird Moment, explains why the position matters beyond the paper while staying connected to the Evidence. Then the student revises and edits the full response.

The standard, in plain words

This week the work connects to two Texas standards. Your student composes argumentative texts using genre characteristics and craft. Your student also develops a focused, structured, coherent piece with specific details. In plain words, your student learns to plan all nine parts of an argument, write one coherent response, and revise and edit it.

The E-S move

Letter	Part	What it does
E	Ending	Synthesizes the strongest reasoning
S	Significance	Explains why the position matters beyond the paper

How to help without giving the answer

- Ask your student to read the Ending and tell whether it repeats or synthesizes.
- Ask what the Bluebird Moment adds beyond the paper.
- Ask which piece of Evidence supports the Significance statement.
- If your student is stuck, ask what the position means for a person, a community, or the future.
- Let your student revise and edit. Your job is to ask good questions, not to supply the answer.

3 Key Words

synthesize

to bring important ideas together

Example, the Ending synthesizes the strongest reasoning.

significance

importance beyond one paper

Example, the significance explains why the position matters.

conclusion

an Ending that brings an argument together

Example, the conclusion reinforces the Claim.

coherence

ideas fitting together in a clear order

Example, the full response has coherence.

revise

to improve writing by changing it

Example, the student revises for clarity.

edit

to correct conventions

Example, the student edits for punctuation.

elaborate

to add thinking that clarifies

Example, elaborate on what the evidence proves.

support

to strengthen an idea with proof

Example, this supports the Claim.

organize

to arrange ideas for a reader

Example, organize all nine parts in order.

Bluebird Moment

the Significance that widens meaning

Example, the Bluebird Moment connects the idea to the future.

legacy

influence that continues

Example, the Declaration's legacy continues today.

democracy

a government in which people help choose leaders

Example, later movements used the Declaration's ideas for democracy.

Tip for reading together. When a new word appears in a passage, pause and let your student use the sentence around it to figure out the meaning before you explain. Naming the guess out loud builds confidence.

4 Our Thinking Tool

This week your student uses the complete CREATURES framework. The module focuses on E for Ending and S for Significance, then brings all nine parts into one response.

The full CREATURES map

C Claim, a defensible position.

R Reasons, two different ideas that support the claim.

E Evidence, accurate text details that prove each reason.

A Argument, one connected line of reasoning.

T Thinking, sentences that explain how and why evidence supports the claim.

U Understanding Others, a fair statement of another viewpoint.

R Rebuttal, a reasoned response with evidence.

E Ending, a purposeful conclusion that synthesizes.

S Significance, the Bluebird Moment that widens meaning.

The Ending and the Bluebird Moment

Part	What it does
Ending	Reinforces the Claim and synthesizes the strongest reasoning
Bluebird Moment	States why the position matters beyond the paper

Mini version to use at home

Try it together

Use the claim, *Careful evidence-based problem solving is more reliable than acting on assumptions*. Have your student say the Ending that synthesizes the reasoning, then state a Bluebird Moment that connects the idea to a person, a community, or the future.

Answer for families. Ending, ultimately, Kendrix's experience shows that careful investigation builds a reliable path from a problem to a solution. Bluebird Moment, this matters because people and communities make wiser decisions when they observe conditions, use Evidence, and remain willing to change a plan.

TRACKS While reading, students also look for evidence in the passage using TRACKS, which stands for **Time, Reactions, Actions, Character or Concept, Key Knowledge, and Scenery or Setting**. Ask your student what TRACKS they found in this week's passages.

- What is the difference between an Ending that repeats and an Ending that synthesizes?
- What makes a Significance statement matter beyond one paper?
- How did Kendrix's observations change her plan?
- Why do people return to the Declaration's ideas?
- Which CREATURES part is strongest, and what passage detail supports it?

Two Endings

Tell a short story about a decision, then end it two ways, one that simply stops and one that pulls the point together and explains why it mattered. Discuss which Ending helps the listener understand the message.

Two Bluebird Moments

Finish one argument two ways. Write one Significance statement that connects to a person's decision and one that connects to a community, rights, or the future. Explain which Bluebird Moment is better supported by the Evidence.

6 What Strong Work Looks Like

Here is a strong full response that flows through the CREATURES parts. The Ending synthesizes, and the Bluebird Moment is grounded in the Evidence.

Prompt. Defend the position that careful observation should guide decisions.

Claim and reason

Careful evidence-based problem solving is more reliable than acting on assumptions because observation can reveal conditions that a first guess misses.

Evidence

In "The Garden That Wouldn't Grow," Kendrix assumes the weak plants need more water, but the soil becomes muddy and the leaves turn yellow. Her grandmother explains that too much water keeps roots from getting enough air, so Kendrix changes her plan.

Ending and Bluebird Moment

Ultimately, Kendrix's experience shows that careful investigation builds a reliable path from a problem to a solution. This matters because people and communities make wiser decisions when they observe conditions, use Evidence, and remain willing to change a plan.

Checklist for strong work

- ☐ All nine CREATURES parts appear in one connected response.
- ☐ The Ending synthesizes instead of repeating the introduction.
- ☐ The Bluebird Moment explains why the position matters beyond the paper.
- ☐ The Significance stays grounded in the Evidence.
- ☐ The response is revised and edited for clarity and coherence.

7 Progress at Home

My student can...

- ☐ name all nine CREATURES parts
- ☐ make a Claim and Reasons
- ☐ select and explain Evidence
- ☐ represent and answer another viewpoint
- ☐ synthesize in the Ending
- ☐ give the reader a grounded Bluebird Moment

Student name

Family signature

Date

Please sign and send this page back to school with your student. The teacher will celebrate the progress together with your student.