Analyze an Author's Claim

Grades 5-6 | Argument reading | Advanced

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For each claim, decide whether the reason is relevant and sufficient. Explain what evidence would make it stronger.

Claim: The school should add bottle-filling stations. Reason: Refillable bottles can reduce single-use plastic waste.

Answer: _____

Claim: Students should read daily. Reason: The library walls are blue.

Answer: _____

Claim: The park needs more shade. Reason: Summer surface temperatures were measured above 120 F in sunny areas.

Answer: _____

Claim: The class should choose this novel. Reason: My friend likes it.

Answer: _____

Grown-up check: 1 relevant, strengthen with local data; 2 irrelevant; 3 relevant/specific, strengthen with repeated data; 4 weak personal preference, add broader evidence.

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