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OGT Benchmarks

Study Skills and Methods

- A. Evaluate the reliability and credibility of sources.
- B. Use data and evidence to support or refute a thesis.

A) What is reliability and credibility?

Answer:

Reliability: trustworthy, authentic, consistent; reliable, infallible, trustworthy apply to persons, objects, ideas, or information that can be depended upon with confident certainty.

Credibility: capable of being believed; believable: a credible statement.

B) How do you support or refute a thesis?

Answer:

You support (prove true) or refute (prove false) a statement by collecting reliable and credible data. This data (credible and reliable facts) will prove the thesis is either correct or false.

Thesis: an unproved statement

Refute: prove to be false or incorrect

Data: a collection of facts from which conclusions may be drawn