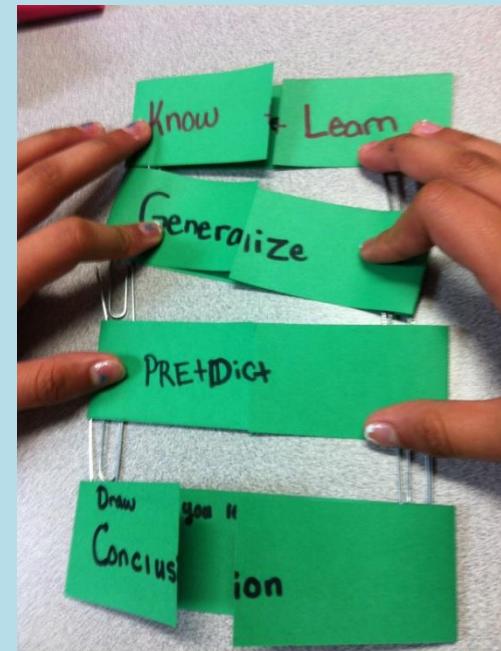
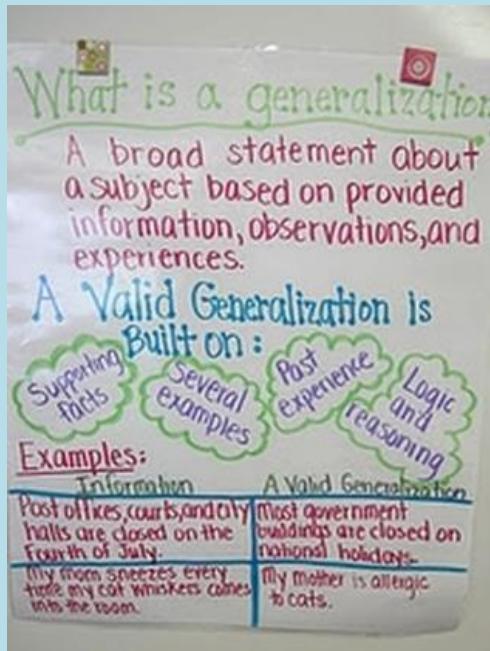


History Skill Builder

Generalizations and Evidence



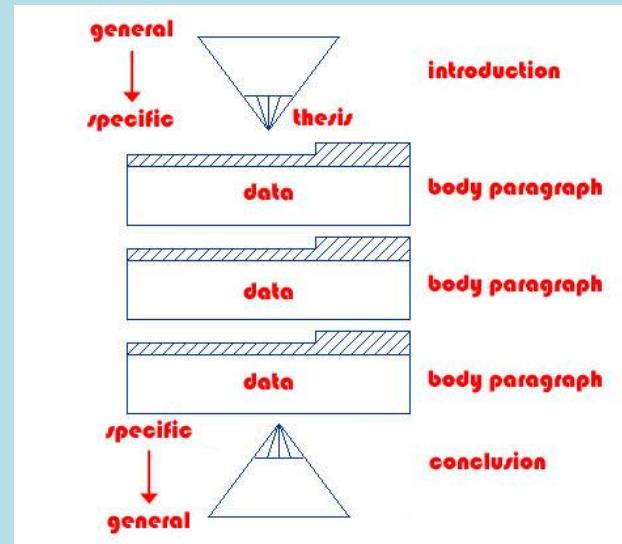
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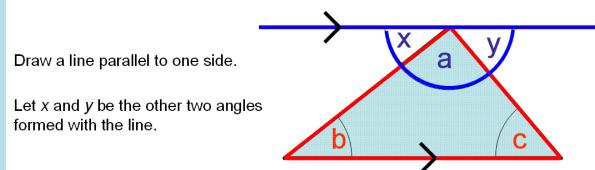
- To help you draw conclusions based on careful consideration of the facts
- To give you practice supporting opinions and arguments with specific details
- To strengthen your inductive and deductive reasoning skills

Similar to:

- Thesis/Proof
- Main Idea/Supporting details



Prove that the sum of the angles in a triangle is 180° .

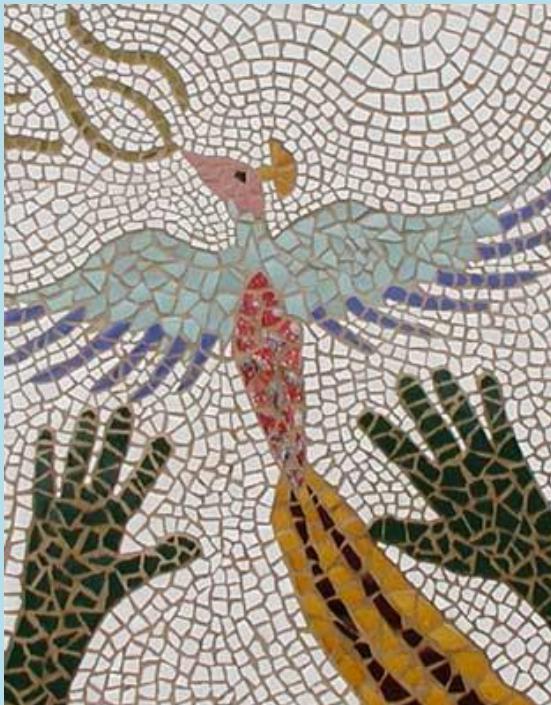


Then $x = b$ (alternate angles)
and $y = c$ (alternate angles)

We can also see that $x + y + a = 180^\circ$. (angles on a line)

Therefore, $a + b + c = 180^\circ$.

A generalization should be broad, and evidence should be specific.

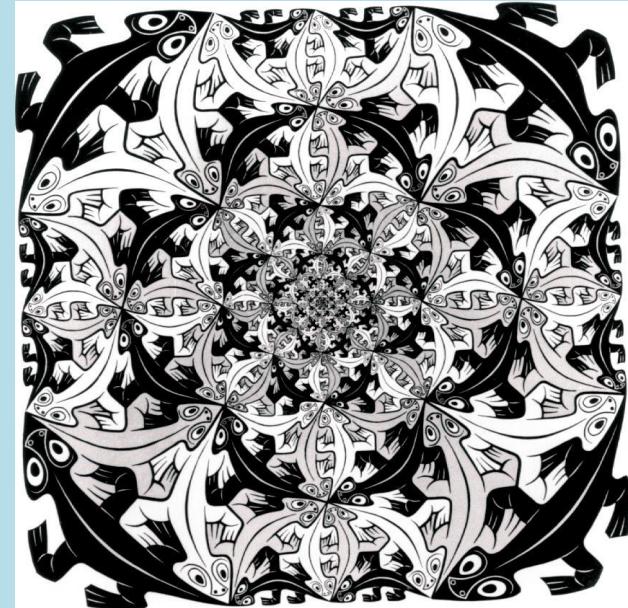


During the Roaring 20s, there was a clash of traditional and modern values.

- Fundamentalists opposed teaching the new scientific theory of evolution in the public schools.

A generalization is complex, evidence is black and white.

- The stock market is a place where corporations sell shares of their companies to investors to raise capital.
- Investing in the stock market involves taking financial risks.



A generalization must be supported by multiple pieces of evidence.

- With the passage of the 19th Amendment, women achieved equality with men.
- Women made gains, but still remained unequal to men.
 - Flappers showed increasing freedom, but still subjected to the double standard
 - Could vote, but not get elected
 - Worked more, but in low paying and “pink collar” jobs



Evidence must correspond logically to the generalization.

The Harlem Renaissance showed increasing black pride.

- Langston Hughes wrote about what it was like to be a minority in America.
- Bessie Smith was a famous jazz singer.



The growth of the automobile industry changed the landscape of the U.S.

- The Model T was the first car that middle class Americans could afford.
- Automobiles increased urban sprawl because people could live in the suburbs and commute to the cities.

The generalization and evidence must be historically accurate.

After the Progressive Era, labor unions grew large and powerful.

- Labor union membership suffered during WWI and the Red Scare.



There was a connection between the labor movement and socialism.

- Most union members were socialist.

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Practice, Practice, Practice

As with any skill, you may not get it the first time (or second...)

We'll be practicing throughout the unit, so review these directions and examples anytime I ask you to make a generalization and support it with evidence!

The written portion of the Unit 3 test will be based on this skill.

