

## Creating a Strong Claim

Reminder:

A strong claim:

- is significant or important (**S**)
- has credible evidence available to support it (**E**)
- is something you're interested in writing about (**I**)

Read each of the following claims. In the box to the left of the claim, mark	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>S</b> if you think it is a significant idea, and</li><li>• <b>E</b> if you think you could find credible evidence to support it, and</li><li>• <b>I</b> if it is something you'd be interested in writing about</li></ul>	
	1. English is the most important language to know in the world today.
	2. In today's world, every university student should be required to take two courses in computer science, regardless of their major.
	3. Wealthy nations should provide technical aid to poor nations so they can become economically independent.
	4. Students should study art and literature to broaden their perspective on the world, regardless of their major.
	5. The most important reason to study at a university is to prepare for a high-paying career upon graduation.
	6. Climate change is endangering our future because glacial ice melt will flood some major world cities.
	7. Today's students do not write as well as earlier generations because they spend more time on social media than reading books.
	8. An advantage of the American university system is that students do not have to declare their majors in their first year.
	9. Upon graduation from medical school, doctors should be required to work for two years in a community that does not have enough doctors.