

EVALUATE ARGUMENTS

For use with the debate on p. 22 of the magazine

Analyzing Authors' Claims

Read "Is It Time to End Affirmative Action?" on p. 22, then follow the directions below to analyze each author's claims.

AUTHOR: Ward Connerly
President, American Civil Rights Institute

AUTHOR: Cornell William Brooks
President & CEO, National Association
for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

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REASON 2: Name another reason the author presents.

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REASON 3: Name a third reason the author presents.

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EVALUATE: Which author do you think makes his case more effectively? Do you spot any weaknesses—like a bias or missing information—in either argument? Explain on a separate sheet of paper.